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At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day the 15th and for discipline at Newport, on second day, the 16th of 6th month 1862.

By the Reports received from the Quarterly Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From Rhode Island — David Buffum, Samuel Gifford, Joseph Metcalf, Gilbert Congdon, Timothy C. Collins, Perez Peck, William Richardson and Obadiah Chase.

From Salem — Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Stephen A Chase, Moses Huntington, Daniel Beede, Nathan Breed, of Weare, and John Page.

From Sandwich — Samuel Rodman, William C. Taber, Nathan T. Shepherd, Newell Hoxie, David Kelley, Benjamin Potter, Thomas Macy, Mathew Howland and Charles R. Tucker.

From Falmouth — Henry M Minott, Stephen Cartland, Abram Winslow, Joshua Cobb, Charles Nichols and Ezekiel Varney Jr.

From Smithfield — Richard Battey, Edward Earle, Truly Dow, Anthony Chase, and Thomas Grover.

From Vassalboro' — Stephen Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Hartwell A. Jenkins, John D. Lang, James Van Blarcom, John Moulton, Timothy Hanson, and Eli Jones.

From Dover — Jesse Roberts, Joseph Brackett, Moses Roberts, and Oliver Meader.

From Fairfield — George Richardson, Alden Sampson, Moses Bailey, Elijah Pope and Silas E. Hoxie.

whose names being called, they were all present except two, for whose absence sufficient reasons were assigned.

Having, at this meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friend William Green, of Ireland, satisfactory Certificates were received from the Monthly Meeting of —

Lisburn, in Ireland, held the 13th of the 2d month 1862, the Quarterly Meeting for the Province of Ulster, held at Lisburn, Ireland, the 3 of 3d month, 1862, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland, held in Dublin the 26th of 4th Month, and by adjournment on the 3d of 5th Month, 1862, Expressing unity with him as a Minister sound in doctrine, and in the faith of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and with his present religious Engagement.

We have also, at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friend William G. Johnson, of Plainfield Monthly Meeting, Western Yearly Meeting; Joseph Hobson, of Gilead Monthly Meeting, Ohio; John Henry Douglass, of Dover Monthly Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting; Abraham Morris, of Gilead Monthly Meeting; Phebe Ann Sands, of Amawalk Monthly Meeting, New York, and Mary H Thomas of Scipio Monthly Meeting, New York, and satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements, were received and read.

Our beloved friend, John M. Macy, of Hopewell Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend William G. Johnson; Eli Harvey, of Springfield Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend John Henry Douglass; John J. Thomas, accompanying his wife Mary H Thomas, and Jacob McKeel, of Amawalk Monthly Meeting, New York, being now with us, satisfactory testimonials from their several Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Elders and with their present Engagements, were received.

We have also, at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our dear friend Isaac Stanley, companion to our friend Joseph Hobson; Isaac McKeel, who is in company with our friend Jacob McKeel; Abby W. Underhill, companion to our friend Phebe Ann Sands; and Mehitable J Morris accompanying her husband Abraham Morris, and satisfactory minutes from their respective Meetings, expressing unity with them as members and with their present Engagements, were received and read.

The London printed Epistle of last year has been received and now read; and we trust it is to our edification as well as comfort. We desire that all our members may have it in their possession, and carefully read and ponder it; and thus commending it to our individual attention, we appoint our friends William C. Robinson and Matthew Purinton, to place in the hands of the Representatives a reprint of three thousand five hundred copies to be divided among the subordinate meetings and members.

Epistles from our dear brethren of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings have been received and in their reading, our beloved friends were brought very near to us in Christian love; and we appoint the following friends to take these communications into consideration, and as the way opens for it, prepare Essays of Epistles to those several Meetings, and also one to our dear friends of the Yearly Meeting of North Carolina, from whom we have received no communication at the present time, on account, as we believe, of the difficulty of transmitting documents to us from that part of the country, in consequence of the interruptions occasioned by the lamentable war existing in our land; and for our dear brethren of that Yearly Meeting, in their present trials, our sympathies are warmly enlisted. viz.
Stephen A. Chase, Joseph Metcalf, John D. Lang, Samuel Boyce, John Page, Samuel Boyd Tobey, George Richardson, Henry T. Wood, William C. Taber, Newell Hoag, David Buffum, Eli Jones, Obadiah Chase, Moses H. Beede, James Van Blarcom, Gilbert Congdon, William C. Robinson, Thomas Wilson, Charles F. Coffin, Alanson R. Akin, Jonathan Slocum, George L. Collins, Timothy K. Earle, John Milton Earle, Richard Battey, Joseph Hoag, Newell Ordway and Thomas B. Nichols.

An acceptable communication from London Yearly Meeting to Friends in America, on the subject of the war in the United States, was received, with the information from the Correspondents that it came to hand soon after the rise of our last Yearly Meeting, and that they caused twenty five hundred copies, to be reprinted and distributed among Friends. The action of the Correspondents in this respect is approved by us.

The Clerk informs that he has received a copy of the "Christian Doctrine, Practice and Discipline of Friends", presented to this Yearly Meeting by the Meeting for Sufferings of Friends in London. 1862; which he is requested to acknowledge as acceptable, in a P.S. to the Epistle to London Yearly Meeting, and place it in the Yearly Meeting's Chest of books and papers at Providence.

The Quarterly Meetings report that they have given attention to the payment into the Treasury of the amount called for by this Meeting last year, and we appoint our friends William A Robinson, Micajah C. Pratt, William Gifford, Henry M. Wiswell, Anthony Chase, Ebenezer Pope, Amos C. Purinton, and Charles M. Bailey, to audit the Treasurer's account, and propose a sum proper to be raised for this Meeting the present year, and the name of a friend for Treasurer, and report to a future sitting

By the Reports from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that Rhode Island has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Solomon Thomas to the Station of Elder; with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Gideon C. Smith, James Dennis and Anna T. Dennis; and with Swanzey Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William Chase to the same Station. Also, that Thomas S. Gifford, an Elder and member of Swanzey Monthly Meeting, died 12 month 24th 1861, aged 50 years, 5 months and 4 days.

Salem informs that Solomon Varney, a member of Salem Monthly Meeting, in the Station of Elder, deceased the 15th of 6th month, 1861, aged 81 years; that Robert Brown an Elder and member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, deceased the 24th of 1st month, 1862, aged 81 years, 4 months and 20 days; and that Abigail Peasley, also an Elder and member of that Meeting, died 1st month 25th 1862, aged 53 years and 4 months; that Joshua Page, an Elder and Member of Weare Monthly Meeting, deceased the 8th of 3rd month, 1862 aged 59 years, 10 months and 2 days.

Sandwich informs us that it has united with Sandwich Monthly in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public ministry of Elizabeth C. Wing — and that Abigail Davis, a minister and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, deceased 3d Month 1st 1862, aged nearly 80 years.

Falmouth reports that it has united with Windham Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Samuel B. Jones and Mary [illegible], to the station of Elders, and that [illegible] Beal, an Elder and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, died 4th Month 16th, 1862, aged 63 years and 4 months.

Smithfield reports the decease of Rowland Rathbun, the 21st of 10th Month, 1861, aged 85 years, 1 month and 25 days; and of John Osborn the 28th of 4th month 1862, aged 78 years, 2 months and 11 days, both Elders and members of Smithfield Monthly Meeting.

Vassalboro gives the information that it has united with China Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearance in the ministry, of Sarah Ellen Jones and Lucie L. Abbott, and with Unity Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Timothy Hanson, Almira S. Hanson and Mary W. Brown to the Station of Elder.

Dover informs that Benajah Buffum, an Elder and member of Berwick Monthly Meeting, deceased 8th Month 29th, 1861, aged 68 years, 6 months and 14 days; and Fairfield reports the death of Elizabeth Robinson, an Elder and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, the 7th of 4th Month 1862 aged 92 years, 7 months and ten days.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met pursuant to adjournment.

David Buffum, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and Charles R. Tucker for Assistant Clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year, which being approved, they are accordingly appointed to those stations.

The Records of this Meeting for the last year were now read.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee was presented and read, and it is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Friends now under appointment are continued for the ensuing year, to unite with a similar Committee of the Women's Meeting in superintending the School as heretofore and desired to report to us next year.

## "To the Yearly Meeting.

The Boarding School Committee report: That they have given attention to their appointment, during the past year, and feel justified in stating, that the various concerns of the Institution have been conducted in a satisfactory manner.

For the Summer term, 83 scholars were admitted, viz 53 males and 30 females; and for the winter term 119, viz 74 males, and 45 females.

The officers of the School have been Albert K. Smiley and Eliza P. Smiley, Principals; Alfred H. Smiley, associate Principal; John F. Arnold, Rebecca H. Smiley and Ruth P. Nichols, Teachers of English branches; Rufus Read, Teacher of Mathematics; Charles K. Paine, Assistant teacher of [illegible] Latin; Alphonse Gaudelet, teacher of French; Mary A. Potter, teacher of drawing.

The health of the family and pupils has been good, which, under the divine blessing, we believe may in part be attributed to well directed gymnastic exercises which have been systematically pursued.

During the past winter, meetings for divine worship have been satisfactorily held in the School house, on first day mornings, and on first day afternoons, and in the middle of the week the meetings of Friends in the city have been attended.

The accounts of the Institution having been examined, show the following result for the past year.

The receipts for tuition &c with $3.800 from the income of the permanent fund, have paid the expenses of the School. The remainder of the income has been applied to the payment of interest, insurance, &c and the liquidation of the debt, ($1500) leaving the Institution free of indebtedness, and a balance of $50.15, in the hands of the Treasurer.

A pretty large expenditure is now required in the outside painting of the buildings in order for their preservation, but we trust this may be made without involving the Institution in any indebtedness.

We propose that the terms commence and continue as last year, and that the charges remain the same, viz. $40 per term, for members of our Yearly Meeting; $60. for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and $100 for any others payable in advance. And that $5. additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the ancient languages, in French or in drawing, and that books and Stationary be furnished at the same prices as heretofore.

We again call attention to the "Regulations of the School Committee", which have been approved by the Yearly Meeting and are hereunto annexed.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee

Gilbert Congdon Clerk

Providence 5th Mo 6th 1862"

## Regulations of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to Eighty of each Sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the Committee at their meetings to be held in the 3rd and 9th Months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At these Meetings, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of Scholars, will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meetings of the Committee in the 9th Month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or the succeeding summer term. And Friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of Scholars into the School.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.

It is expected that Scholars will be at the School punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the Committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the School, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

Application for admission into the School, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund is to be made to the Principals.

Address Albert K. Smiley
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence R.I.

Committee. — Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, William C. Taber, Samuel Taylor, Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, George Howland Jr, Samuel Austin, Charles R. Tucker, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase, William A. Robinson and John D. Lang.
Sarah Howland, Lydia Congdon, Sarah F. Tobey

Ann Elmira Seary, Eliza B. Bowen, Mary A. Smith, Lydia H. Jones, Dorcas F. Tucker, Rachel S. Howland, Sarah T. Sampson, Ann B. Earle and Anna S. Almy.

We appoint our friends Jonathan L. Slocum, Moses T. Rogers, Newell Hoxie, George Douglass, Richard Battey, William A. Jones, Isaiah Hoye and George Richardson to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries now received from the Quarterly Meetings and present it at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 O'clock tomorrow morning.

Third day Morning the 17th, the Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment. Representatives present except three.

The Meeting now entered upon a consideration of the State of Society, by reading the queries and answers, under, we believe, a sense of the importance of the service, and, we trust, with a covering of divine good spread over us. The want of the due attendance of our religious meetings, always so apparent in this review of our condition, was manifest at this time in the answers now presented. The duty of meeting to worship Almighty God was feelingly brought to view, and the language of encouragement to greater faithfulness was freely offered. It was earnestly pressed upon us to examine ourselves, and prayerfully to seek for help to discharge what is required at our hands in relation to this important service, — to sympathize with those in the younger walks of life, and to show them the preciousness of the privilege of meeting together in the name of Christ, with the blessed assurance that his presence will be with us, if we really love Him, and are engaged to serve Him. Friends were earnestly entreated to seek for ability to meet in the name of the Lord, looking unto Him for help, that our meetings might prove seasons of brokenness and of refreshment; and that beholders might be brought to feel and acknowledge that these are opportunities to be sought, desirable for all and attractive to all; and that we shall know, in measure, our Experience to be like that of David, when he declares, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." The Old and the young were entreated to go up together to worship our Heavenly Father, to be partakers together of His blessings, without which we must utterly perish. A sense of our dependence, and of the matchless love of our blessed Redeemer, cannot fail to soften our hearts, to fill them with gratitude, and to cause us to rejoice in offering unto Him such sacrifices as He will accept.

Having proceeded to the reading of the third query and answer, inclusive, the Meeting adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

At the appointed hour, Friends again assembled, and proceeded with the remaining queries and answers.

During the Engagement of this meeting in reviewing the account of the State of Society, as set forth in the answers to the queries, we have been brought into a lively concern for the health of our religious body, and much tender and pertinent counsel has been offered. The plain, practical duty of the daily reading of a portion of Holy Scripture, was feelingly adverted to, and Friends were tenderly encouraged to be faithful in its observance, with their families collected about them. Sympathy was expressed for those who may have been deterred from this practice by a fearfulness of their ability rightly to engage in it; but these were exhorted to remember that it was a blessed privilege, as well as a duty, to resort daily to the precious contents of that volume, given by inspiration of God, and which directs us in the discharge of the practical duties of life, as well as makes wise unto salvation, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. A little portion of time every day — perhaps either at the commencement or close of the morning meal, — spent in this interesting Engagement performed in simplicity, and with a suitable time of Solemn Silence, it is believed will be blessed to those who observe it and a little strength will be afforded, that may be sustaining in the trials and temptations of the ensuing day.

While engaged in the review of the State of Society the vital importance of the right performance of the duty alluded to in the tenth query was brought impressively before us, and we were forcibly reminded of the course prescribed in the Gospel upon which our discipline is founded.

First, let the labor with an offending brother be between him and thee alone — then two or three may engage in the work; and if this be unavailing, the aid of the Church may rightly be invoked to exercise its authority in the Spirit of meekness and wisdom. A Committee is to be appointed, free from prejudice, moving in the fear of God and in the love of Christ, to labor, in this love and in tenderness, to show the offender the error of his way and to restore him to the right path; and if all this prove unavailing, then may the Church testify against his Evil way, and, for the sake of the cause of Truth, dissolve his connection with our religious body. This course is according to the discipline and usage of our Society; and it is the sense and judgment of this Meeting, that the case must be of a very flagrant nature, in which the Truth would greatly suffer by delay, to justify a more summary proceeding. Friends are entreated to be sure that no root of bitterness exists in their own hearts; — a fatal disqualification for doing good to others. No one can tell how abundant may be the fruits of the labor, bestowed in the love and under the influence of the spirit of Christ, whether they are immediately manifested, or gathered after many days. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye that are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou, also, be tempted."

The Clerk is requested to forward this Minute to Subordinate Meetings, to be observed by them.

The following is a summary of the answers received:

## General Answers.

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, except nineteen specified in the accounts; these being very small meetings, and their attendance being prevented by sufficient causes assigned; and one account states, "a few instances in three small Meetings." Those on First day generally by the greater portion of our members. Meetings in the middle of the week frequently small; and one account says, "A few seldom attend any of our Meetings." The hour nearly observed. Mostly clear of unbecoming behavior, a few cases of sleeping excepted. All the accounts, except two, state that care has been taken in the above deficiencies.

2d Love and unity appear to be, in a good degree, maintained, except in a few instances. Detraction mostly guarded against. Care has been taken to end differences when they have appeared.

3d Friends are not all as careful in regard to plainness of speech, behavior, and apparel, as would be best. Generally careful to restrain from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation. Mostly good examples herein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families.

4th The use of spiritous liquors appears to be confined to medical purposes, with four or five exceptions; in three of which labor has been extended. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, mostly avoided. Moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions referred to.

5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved. Their children partake of learning. None placed out from among Friends.

6th Our Discipline, in these respects, appears to be maintained, except seven cases of keeping company, with reference to marriage, with those not in membership with us, and eleven cases of marrying contrary to discipline; — Some care taken.

7th A few are not as careful in the maintenance of our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry as is queried after. Several instances of a military station are reported in most of the accounts, some of which are under notice. Clear as regards the other parts of this query.

8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts; and endeavor to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Generally careful as to records. A few removals without certificates, most of which are under notice.

10th Care has been taken to deal with offenders, yet two accounts state, not, at all times, as seasonably as would be best. Judgment, when placed, has, we believe, been according to discipline.

Adjourned to 10 O'clock tomorrow morning.

Fourth day Morning, the 18th Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment. Representatives present except four.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Penobscot and Passammaquoddy Indians made the following report, which, with interesting verbal statements by members of the Committee, is satisfactory; and we are encouraged in the belief that our efforts for the good of these people are acceptable and useful to them; and the Friends now under appointment, with the addition of our Friends George Richardson and Joseph Estes, are continued for another year, and desired to give such attention to this interesting concern as way may open for, and report to this Meeting next year. The Committee are authorized to draw on our Treasurer for fifty dollars, should they deem it expedient to do so, and appropriate it in their discretion, for the benefit of the Indians, and we desire that the Passammaquoddy Tribe may receive such notice as the Committee may be able to give.

## To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee intrusted with the concern of the Yearly Meeting, in relation to the Penobscot and Passammaquoddy Indians report.

That the former tribe have been visited by two of our number. They seemed very glad to see us, and with confidence, told us of their affairs. We find this tribe numbers about five hundred; there are about one hundred and fifty men capable of labor; of these, about one hundred are engaged in agriculture during the summer season. They are gradually becoming expert in holding the plow, and some of them might be called good farmers. They own 146 islands on the Penobscot River, containing an area of 4.482 acres. They cultivate nearly 1000, including their mowing lands.

Their School on Oldtown island was in operation 17 weeks last summer; whole number in attendance, 59; average 26. Another school farther up the river, at Lincoln, was open for 14 weeks; whole number in attendance, 18; average 12. About 100 of this tribe can read understandingly, and several of them can write a fair hand.

Way did not open to visit the Passammaquoddy Tribe; we learn, however, that they number 463. Showing a slight increase since 1859. They have 73 children between 4 and 21 years of age; 67 of them have participated, to some extent, in the advantages of a well conducted School, of several weeks continuance. Some one hundred and twenty do something at farming, and the number is increasing who turn their attention to this business pursuit.

It is without doubt, that cases of intemperance are less frequent among them than formerly; and a slow, but we believe a sure, improvement is apparent, and that a continuance of our care and concern may, under the Divine blessing be for good to them.

John D. Lang } on behalf
Eli Jones } of the
Henry T. Wood } Committee
James Van Blarcom }

Newport 18th 6th Mo 1862

Committee. John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Joseph Tober, Nathan Douglas, Allen May, Caleb Nichols, Samuel Taylor, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Henry T. Wood, James Van Blarcom, George Richardson and Joseph Estes]

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings, for the past year, were laid before us and read. and the important and interesting proceedings of that Meeting were fully and cordially approved; and the clerk is requested to cause the Memorial to the President, with his letter of reply, to be printed with our Minutes of the present year, for distribution among Friends; and the Friends now under appointment, with the exception of our late dear Friends, John Osborne, Benjamin Buffum, and Thomas S. Gifford, deceased, are continued for the present year, to constitute a meeting for Sufferings, to act on our behalf on such subjects of interest to our religious Society as may, from time to time, properly come before that Meeting.

To Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States.

Assembled for the discharge of the duties that devolve upon us as Representatives of the Society of Friends in New England, we have not failed to be deeply concerned for our beloved Country, and believe it right for us, with much respect, briefly to address the Head of the Government.

It is well known, that as a religious body, we have ever believed that all war is inconsistent with the teachings of the Prince of Peace, the Saviour of the world, the living King of kings and Lord of Lords, at whose coming the angels sung the Heavenly anthem, "Glory to God in the highest, on Earth peace, good will to men". And while steadfastly maintaining this doctrine wherever situated, and in some parts of the world enduring much suffering in its defence, we have ever been a loyal people, under whatever government placed, engaged to maintain the civil authority, not shrinking from any burden which its support might rightfully impose.

Upon the accession of President Lincoln to the high and very responsible place he now occupies, our sympathy for him was deep and sincere on account of the distracted condition of the nation, several of the States denying the jurisdiction of the General Government and repudiating the allegiance due to it; and fervent have been our desires and prayers that the President might be encouraged to seek that wisdom from on high, which directeth aright, and be strengthened to discharge his whole duty to God and his fellow men.

Of recent time, we were anxiously concerned in consequence of the attitude assumed by England towards the United States, indicating that the two Countries might be involved in the fearful Calamity of war with each other; and we trust the President will not deem it impertinent or obtrusive in us to express our full approbation and grateful appreciation of the wise and dignified course pursued by him and his Cabinet on that occasion.

It may be, that in our relation to foreign powers, in the present State of general Excitement, future troubles may arise, the solution of which will require the exercise of much delicacy and forbearance, and we would most kindly and earnestly entreat our much respected President to use every means which becomes an Enlightened Christian nation to preserve peace, and prevent the shedding of blood: and if in any case direct negotiation fail, that the question be referred to the decision of some disinterested tribunal, instead of resorting to the unsparing arbitrament of the sword. May the blessing of Heaven rest upon the President. May he find Divine guidance through the many difficulties in which he is involved, and at the close of his official duties be enabled to review his course with the consciousness that he has been engaged firmly and uprightly, in the fear of God, to do justice to all.

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."

Signed on behalf and by direction of a meeting of the Representatives of the Society of Friends for New England, held at Providence Rhode Island the 5th of Second Month, 1862

Samuel Boyce Clerk"

"Executive Mansion
Washington, March 19th 1862.

"Dr Samuel Boyd Tobey

My Dear Sir,

A domestic affliction, of which doubtless you are informed, has delayed me so long in making acknowledgment for the very kind and appropriate letter, signed on behalf and by direction of a meeting of the Representatives of the Society of Friends for New England, held at Providence Rhode Island, the 8th of the Second Month 1862, by Samuel Boyce, Clerk, and presented to me by yourself and associates.

Engaged, as I am, in a great war, I fear it will be difficult for the world to understand how fully I appreciate the principles of peace, inculcated in your letter, and everywhere by the Society of Friends.

Grateful to the good people you represent for their prayers in behalf of our common Country, I look forward hopefully to an early end of war and return of peace.

Your obliged friend
A Lincoln"

Members of Meeting for Sufferings.

David Buffum, Paul Reed, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D Lang, Samuel Taber, Allen Wing, Samuel Boyce, Joseph Taber of Albion, Timothy B Collins, Thomas Hawkes, Stephen Jones, David K Akin, Thomas A Chase, William Parr, William C Taber, Tobias Meader, Micajah C Pratt, Thomas Jones, George Howland Jr, Alden Sampson, William Aldrich, Stephen Bird, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Battey, Ebenezer Page, Henry M Minott, Elisha Jones, of Windham, John Page, Charles R. Tucker, Samuel Gifford, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Joseph Taylor, George Bowen, Newell Hoxie, David Kelley, Moses Huntington Jr and Edward Cobb.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon —

Afternoon. Met by adjournment.

The Committee on Correspondence is requested to prepare suitable minutes for Friends now in attendance from other Yearly Meetings, and present them at our next sitting.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting proposes the appointment of Matthew Barney as correspondent of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, in place of our Friend Cromwell Barnard, deceased; and Smithfield, the appointment of Isaac Steer as Correspondent of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, in the place of our Friend John Olney, deceased — address Burrillville R.I. — with both of which appointments this Meeting unites.

The Committee on Education presented the following report, which is interesting to this Meeting; and in conformity with the suggestions contained therein, our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to render their aid in procuring accurate statistical information, and by other proper means to assist the Committee in the fulfilment of the interesting and important concern of this Meeting, for the increase of the number of First-day Schools, and for the promotion of the religious and literary education of our dear youth and children, in conformity with our Established order and Christian Principles; and, also, in compliance with a suggestion in the report, for a new appointment of a Committee at the present time, the following friends are requested to propose, at our next sitting, the names of suitable Friends to serve on this committee — viz Ellis Gifford, Obadiah Chace, John Henry Crossman, Thomas Folsom, Henry T. Wood, David Kelley, George Douglas, Joseph Cartland, Albert S. Payson, Richard Butler, William O. Jones, Eli Jones, Albert Buffum, Joseph Brackett, Moses Bailey, Levi Jones, George Richardson, and Henry M. Merrill.

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Education report that they have given attention to this interesting concern of the Yearly Meeting.

A Sub-Committee from our number visited the Boarding School at Providence, and report that institution in a satisfactory condition.

The Oak Grove Seminary, under the care of Friends in Maine, has also been visited, and we believe these Schools are doing much to aid the children and youth among us, in acquiring a substantial and practical Education.

First Day Schools have been in successful operation during part, or all of the year, in many localities, where Friends meetings are held.

For the number, length and general attendance of these Schools, we refer to the following statistics.

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| Number of Children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of 5 and 15 years | 632. |
| Number between 15 and 21 years | 487. |
| Number of Monthly Meeting Schools | 2. |
| " " Preparative Meeting Schools | 1. |
| " " Family Schools | 5. |
| The whole number attending School | 922. |
| Number taught by Friends | 205. |
| Number of Friends who have taught School the year past | 115. |
| Number Members attending or educated at Academies and Colleges | 13. |
| Number of First Day Schools taught under the care of Friends | 33. |
| The average continuance of these Schools is about | 7 Months |
| The whole number attending these Schools | 902 |
| Number of Friends connected with the same as teachers or scholars | 435. |
| " " Bible Classes apart from First Day Schools | 4 |
| " " Friends attending Bible Classes | 133. |

We believe, though there may be little indication of it in the statistical information furnished, compared with that of last year, that there is an increasing interest in the subject of Education among our members generally, and especially with our younger Friends who occupy the responsible relation of parents.

These feel, as their little ones gather around them, asking for intellectual and spiritual food, that they need wisdom to counsel and direct. They realize, as they have never done before, the importance of a thorough guarded education, that the moral and religious faculties of the mind as well as the intellectual, should receive proper culture. They are beginning to appreciate, more fully, the inestimable value of the Holy Scriptures, as a powerful agency in their hands, for the elevation of themselves and those around them. They thankfully welcome the Bible as their daily Companion, and, as they witness its elevating influence upon the family circle, their hearts become interested in the Community around them, and, as a natural consequence, the First Day School is established. Nor does their interest end here; for there are of our members who are engaged in going from place to place, aiding in the Establishment of these Schools for Scriptural instruction.

But while the Committee are greatly encouraged by the individual faithfulness of many of our members, in promoting the Cause of education in its broadest sense, they feel that as a Yearly Meeting, the Friends of New England have not done their whole duty; and would earnestly encourage them to more faithfulness in this respect.

We would recommend, at this time, the appointment of a new Committee by the Yearly Meeting, with the hope that an increased interest may be awakened upon this subject, of such vital importance to our beloved Society.

And we would further suggest, that it would materially aid the Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting on this interesting subject, if Monthly Meetings were to appoint Committees to collect Statistics, encouraging the organization of First Day schools in all our meetings, and to act in other respects in conjunction with the Yearly Meeting Committee.
And that the members of these several committees together with the members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee

resident within each Quarterly Meeting, meet at the time of holding the Quarterly Meeting preceding the Yearly Meeting, to prepare a report to be presented to the Committee on Education, when they meet at Newport.

On behalf of the Committee
John H Crossman, clerk

Newport 6th month 15th 1852".

The Committee appointed by this Meeting, last year, to labor in restoring love within the limits of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, presented the following report, and the evidence it affords of a faithful attention to their appointment is satisfactory to us: and with an earnest concern for the removal of everything that still hinders the free circulation of that love so entirely essential to the health of the body, the Friends now under appointment viz. Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Isaac N. Jeffords, John W. Lang, Ansell Hoxie, John Page, and Charles R. Frost are continued to constitute a Committee to act on our behalf in imparting to Meetings or individuals wherever, within our limits, it may appear necessary, in that ability which may be mercifully granted them, such advice and assistance as may tend to promote love and unity, and preserve the right order of the church.

"To the Yearly Meeting

We, your Committee appointed to labor in Falmouth Quarterly Meeting for the restoration of love and unity and for the support of the cause of Truth and right order in the church, report, that we have endeavored faithfully to attend to the important service deputed to us by the Yearly Meeting. All the committee met at Portland in the 10th month last, and attended Falmouth Monthly Meeting, and a part of our number ~~was~~ were at Falmouth Quarterly Meeting the following week. We were entirely united in issuing the subjoined advice to the Monthly Meeting, viz:—

"To Falmouth Monthly Meeting:—

Dear Friends,— Having been appointed by the Yearly

Meeting for the purposes expressed in the Minute which we herewith present, we come among you in much love and with fervent desires to promote the cause of Truth and the welfare of our religious body. Under a deep and reverent sense of our dependence on the Great Head of the Church for a qualification to move in this service, we have, we trust, been engaged to look humbly unto Him for direction; and under a feeling of religious duty we tenderly and earnestly advise every member of the Monthly Meeting carefully to abstain from any allusion to those subjects that have tended to produce the alienation and disunity which so unhappily exist among you; that every thing like crimination and recrimination be strictly avoided; that great care be taken that the rights and privileges of no member be abridged in consequence of the lamentable state of things which, for some time, has existed among you; that the past, on the part of all concerned, be cheerfully forgiven, and, so far as may be, obliterated from memory; but that now, entering into renewed covenant with the Lord, every member of the body may be engaged to move in His fear and in His love, being clothed with that charity which seeketh not her own, but each preferring other to himself, you may be favored to be helpful one to another, bearing one another's burdens and so fulfilling the law of Christ; and we earnestly desire that the authority of the Meeting be seasonably exercised in the spirit of restoring love, to carry into effect the advice which we now tenderly offer.

Remember, dear friends, at all times, the example left by our adorable Saviour, that we should follow his steps, 'who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth; who when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered he threatened not; but committed himself to Him who judgeth righteously; who his own self bare our sins, in his own body on the tree, — that we being dead to sin should live unto righteousness.' 'Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always, by all means.'

Portland 10th Month 24th 1861.

This document was signed by us all and presented to the Monthly Meeting, and one of like import to the Quarterly Meeting, by both of which meetings it was cordially received and entered upon their records.

While we trust that the labors of the Committee have not been wholly fruitless, it is our judgment that care should continue to be extended, through a Committee, by the Yearly Meeting, to some members of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting

Stephen A. Chase
John H. Lang
Samuel Boyce
Newell Hoxie
Samuel Boyd Tobey
Charles R. Tucker
Gilbert Congdon
John Page

Newport 6th month 16th 1862

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes, made the following report which is approved; And our Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their respective quotas of twelve hundred dollars, and pay the same to our Friend David Buffum, whom we appoint our Treasurer for the ensuing year.

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer, and for other purposes, report, they find due him One thousand and thirty nine $\frac{45}{100}$ dollars.

They propose twelve hundred dollars to be raised for the use of the Meeting, and the name of David Buffum for Treasurer.

On behalf of the Committee

H. A. Robinson

Newport. R.I. 6mo 18. 1862

Adjourned to 4 O'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon the 19th, the Meeting again assembled pursuant to adjournment. The Representatives present, except three.

The appointment of the following correspondents was reported from New York Yearly Meeting.

"Shappaqua Monthly Meeting: Jesse H Underhill, in place of Charles A Underhill, deceased. Address Shappaqua, Westchester Co. N.Y.

Amawalk Monthly Meeting:- William B Collins in place of James Brown, deceased. Address- Yorktown, Westchester Co. N.Y.

Scipio Monthly Meeting:- Robert B. Howland, in place of Humphrey Howland released at his request. Address Union Springs, Cayuga Co. N.Y.

Yonge Street Monthly Meeting: Joseph Wilson in place of Joseph Way, released. Address- Farmersville C.W.

Taken from the minutes
William Wood, Clerk.

The Committee appointed at our last sitting to propose the names of Friends to compose a Committee of this Meeting, on Education, presented the following, which are approved, and they are appointed accordingly, and requested to act in conjunction with a similar Committee of the Womens Meeting, to report to this Meeting next year. viz

Joseph C. Macomber, Solomon A. Hawley, Samuel Austin, Albert Collins, Samuel Gifford, Nathan Birdsall, John H Crossman, Robert L. Brown, Edward W. Cowe, Nathan T. Shepherd, Matthew Varney, Isaac R. Potts, Adrian Owens, Charles Tabey, Isaac Thorn, Nathan Babcock, Timothy K. Carle, George Taylor, Henry M. Minturn, Nathan Pope, Silas H Cortland, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, Amos M. Purinton, Albert C. Buffum, George Varney, George Richardson, Levi Jones, and Joseph Winslow.

[Women's Committee.]— Cynthia Bowen, Tabitha Foster, Elizabeth A. Congdon, Mary R. Collins, Mary Slade, Lydia T. Chase, Elizabeth Fry, Mary S. Bowen, Elizabeth C. Wing, Ruth A. Shepherd, Lydia Dean, Huldah B. Gifford, Rebecca A. Church, Susan Fales, Abigail S. Hodges, Lydia B. Howe, Abigail Wheeler, Jane C. Bennett, Salome J. Goddard, Lydia M. Pope, Anna A. Holland, Rachel D. Nichols, Sybil Jones, Jane H. Varney, Abigail M. Hanson, Eliza T. Varney, Sarah Hoag, Hannah A. Wing, Joanna M. Briggs and Emma Winslow.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting report that the required number of Copies of the London General Epistle has been reprinted, and placed in the hands of the Representatives, or other Friends, to be conveyed to our subordinate Meetings.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Certificate for our friend William Green viz.

"To the Monthly Meeting of Lisburn in Ireland, the Quarterly Meeting of the Province of Ulster held at Lisburn and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland.—

Dear Friends,

Our beloved friend William Green has attended this Yearly Meeting and presented satisfactory certificates from your several meetings.— We receive him as a brother beloved and feel it right to state that his Gospel Ministry has been truly acceptable to us— clearly evidencing that he is engaged in great humility to wait for that anointing which teacheth, and closely to abide under the restraining as well as the constraining power of the Divine Hand.

We crave for him the continued presence of the Heavenly Shepherd, to preserve, direct and comfort him, and that when his labors of love in this land shall have been fully accomplished, he may, if this be the will of our Heavenly Father, be restored to his family and to you in the enjoyment of that sweet peace which Christ gives to his dedicated Servants."

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our friend, William G Johnson; and similar ones for our friends, Joseph Hobson, John Henry Douglas, Abraham Morris, Phebe Ann Sands and Mary Thomas. viz.

"Our beloved friend William G Johnson, attended this meeting. His company, and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is also directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friend, John M. Macy and similar ones for our friends, Eli Harvey, John G. Thomas Jacob Mekeel, Isaac Stanley, Abby W. Underhill, and Mehitable J Morris, viz

"Our beloved friend, John M. Macy attended this meeting. His company and solid deportment has been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

Essays of Epistles to our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana and Western, were laid before us by the Committee on Correspondence, and being approved the clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to their meetings respectively.

The clerk is directed to cause three thousand copies of our minutes of the present year to be printed and furnished to the families of Friends.

The various important concerns of the Church that have claimed our attention having now been disposed of, in great harmony, with feelings of gratitude for the evidence we have had, during the whole course of this Yearly Meeting, of the Lord's goodness extended to us, we now separate in love; purposing to meet at this place, at the usual time, next year, if our Heavenly Father permit.

Samuel Boyd Tobey — Clerk

# Epistles.

From New England Yearly Meeting of Friends
held on Rhode Island in the 6th month 1862.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London.

Dear Friends,

We have again been favoured to meet together for the consideration of the affairs of our Religious Society in quietness and peace. The attendance upon our meeting is as large or larger than usual, and our hearts are warmed and comforted by the feeling of mutual love – the love we humbly trust of the Gospel of Christ our Saviour. When we consider the great love with which he loved us, in that he gave himself for us, offering up his precious life a ransom for the remission of our sins, and not of ours only, but for the sins of the whole world, how powerful the motive, that as partakers of a common salvation by him, we should love one another.

The feeling of religious union – union in Christ, the blessed Head – has accompanied our deliberations, and enabled us to transact our business in harmony – Blessed be his great name. –

The tried and unhappy condition of our Country weighs heavily upon our hearts. War, civil war is sadly desolating many of the States of our Union, and the spirit of war is abroad all over our land. Through gratitude we have to acknowledge, that with the exception of a comparatively few instances, Friends among us have been preserved in much quietness, and enabled so to act that we thankfully believe our ancient testimony against all wars and fightings has not suffered.

The Legislatures of the States in which we of New England live, evince no disposition to withdraw from Friends the exemption from military requisitions which has long been accorded to them.

We desire to express our fervent thanks to Him who dwelleth in the hearts of the children of men and turneth them as a man turneth a water course in his field, that we are thus favoured. How strong the motive that we renewedly resolve to put our whole trust and Confidence in the Lord, bearing in mind the ancient assurance — "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee.

Slavery, as it exists in the Southern portion of our Country, we consider to be intimately connected with the present distressed condition of the nation. We hope and are encouraged to believe that the Evils of this system of oppression are more and more apparent to the National mind — and the recent action of the President and of Congress in favour of inaugurating a System of compensated emancipation, is looked upon with favour, we believe throughout the free States, and we are encouraged to hope will commend itself to at least some of the States where Slavery exists.

Many Friends in all parts of our land seize every right opening to let their influence on this subject be felt. In this Cause we are sure of your sympathy and your prayers. — Freedom, civil and religious, has ever been with our predecessors and with the present generation, a Cause dear to the hearts of Friends. — And though we have always been loyal to the governments, that, in the Providence of God, have been set over us, yet we have not ceased to plead, as opportunity has offered, the Cause of the down trodden and oppressed.

The Armour of the christian is described in Holy writ in the beautiful language of the apostle — having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breast plate of righteousness and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked, and take the helmet of Salvation and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Thus Equipped the christian Cannot use the carnal weapon — but the weapons of our warfare are mighty through God, to the pulling down of the strong holds of Sin and Satan.

Your truly acceptable Epistle of last year has been read in our meeting to our comfort. We greet you as brethren beloved in the Lord.

The Epistle issued by your meeting last year, addressed to Friends in North America was received by our Correspondents soon after the adjournment of ours of last year. An edition was immediately printed, and it has had general circulation among our members - and has further been made public by insertion in some of the public prints in New England - It was very acceptable to us and cordially appreciated as a fresh proof of your Christian interest in our welfare.

We gratefully acknowledge that we have had a favoured Yearly Meeting - the young men, of whom many have been present, have given evidence of increasing interest in the Cause of the Blessed Redeemer - and the hearts of many of the old have been cheered and comforted, and encouraged to hope that there is an animating prospect of a succession of Standard Bearers in our religious Society. May the Lord in His mercy hasten His work in the world, and the day when the knowledge of Him may cover the earth as the waters cover the seas - when swords shall be beaten into plow shares and spears into pruning hooks, and men learn war no more, but in every place incense arise a pure offering.

The tried condition of Friends in the Southern section of our nation, the immediate scene of warfare, has claimed our deepest sympathy, with prayer that the God of all consolation may sustain them, and by his living presence comfort their hearts - and out of weakness bring forth strength to the praise of His great name.

With the salutation of love we remain
Your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

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To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Dublin.

Dear Friends

We have once more been privileged to come together as a Yearly Meeting, and have felt our hearts warmed, as we hope, with the love of God, through our blessed and Holy Redeemer; experiencing Him to be our Master, so we have been enabled to regard each other as brethren.

We have received, and read with lively interest, your acceptable Epistle of Fifth Month, wherein you refer to the many trials surrounding us in consequence of the devastating Civil war in our beloved Country. We feel thankfully to record our acknowledgement of this fresh evidence of divine regard as manifested in your sympathy with us at this time, realizing that the declaration Standeth sure – The Lord knoweth them that are His. We feel an earnest solicitude that all our fellow believers in the different sections of our widely extended country, in this our time of trial, may be enabled to bear a faithful testimony to the peaceable nature of the Gospel, and to the utter incompatibility of all wars and fightings with its blessed precepts.

Our desires are afresh awakened that all, both with us and you – whether older or younger – who have been truly baptized into Christ, may so abide in Him as to bring forth largely of the fruit of righteousness which shall endure unto eternal life; and that those who labor and are heavy laden may come unto Him – and find rest – remembering the promise – "If thou shalt seek the Lord thy God thou shalt find Him, if thou seek Him with all thy heart and with all thy soul" – And may those who have not yet experienced the remission of their sins through faith in the atoning blood of Christ, remember that "by the deeds of the law shall no flesh living be justified." – a mere form of godliness, unattended by the power thereof, will avail nothing in that trying hour when the secrets of men's hearts are revealed. Let us heed then the injunction of our blessed Lord – "to cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also." – And come to Jesus with the publican's prayer – "God be merciful to me a sinner" – looking for salvation unto "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world" He who hath power on earth to forgive sins will speak pardon and peace to the truly penitent soul.

Our present state is a militant one where trials attend the servants of the Lord, for their own, and at times, for the Church's sake, which when patiently endured, give the humble disciple clearer views of the dealings of our Heavenly Father with men, to prepare him for service in the Church.

Our Meeting has been well attended, and all its deliberations harmoniously conducted. Many of our young Friends have been in attendance giving hopeful evidence that they cherish, in their hearts, a love for the truth as it is in Jesus.

An interesting report was presented from our Committee having charge of the concerns of this Meeting in relation to the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribes of Indians located in the State of Maine, from which it appears that the condition of these feeble remnants of a once powerful people is gradually improving.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our dear friend William Green from your Yearly Meeting

With the Salutation of love

We are your friends—

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey. Clerk

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## To New York Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends.

Your acceptable Epistle of the present year has been received, and similar communications from other Yearly Meetings, in the reading of which you have been brought near to us in gospel love and fellowship, and desires have been raised for our mutual welfare and preservation.

Our meeting has been large, and, during the several sittings, we have been mercifully favoured with the overshadowings of Divine love, humbling and contriting our hearts and cementing us together — and under the influence thereof we have been enabled to transact the affairs of the Church in harmony. Precious indeed to the humble Christian traveller is the prevalence of this pure love, whereby by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body, and are made one in Christ Jesus.—

The blessed Lord and Saviour prayed for his disciples, that they all might be one, saying, "as thou Father art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

May we, beloved friends, labor to be brought, more and more, into this blessed Oneness, and knowing of being built upon that sure foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief Corner Stone, in which the building, fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord.

"We live in a remarkable period of time, when not only nation is arrayed against nation in open hostility, but in our own Country we are involved in a civil war, and brother is arrayed against brother, and the son against the father. We desire that in this state of strife and Commotion, we may know our dwelling to be in that safe and quiet habitation, where we shall be preserved from being carried away by any of the excitement, or angry passions so prevalent in the present day. Comforting in this day of tribulation in the language of the Psalmist — "He that dwell in the secret places of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. May we then know of abiding in this sure place of safety — and although we may feel while endeavouring to be loyal to our Government, we can take no part in the present fearful contest, yet may we be engaged in raising our petitions to the Throne of Grace for the welfare of our beloved Country, and for the restoration of peace with all its blessings. God forbid, said Samuel concerning the rebellious house of Israel, that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for them.

We are glad to be informed by your Epistle that an increasing concern prevails among Friends in your Yearly Meeting for the promotion of Scripture instruction, and the establishment of First Day Schools.

From the Report of our Committee on Education it appears that a lively interest continues among us in the Establishment of these Schools, and we believe that an increasing concern prevails for the instruction of the young and rising generation in a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures.— Many of the Scholars attending these schools are not members of our Society but are called in as from the highways and hedges, and we humbly believe that a blessing has attended Friends labours.

Our Boarding School Committee has made an interesting report by which it appears that that institution is in a good condition and that it continues, in measure, the intent of its benevolent founders.

With the Salutation of love
We remain your friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

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To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Baltimore

Dear friends and brethren

Your acceptable Epistle of the tenth Month last has been received and read at this time, together with similar tokens of the fellowship of the brethren from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, except North Carolina, and we can truly say that we have been comforted and our hearts have been warmed by these renewed evidences of the oneness of that love which encompasses sea and land and binds together the humble followers of the dear Redeemer wherever situated,

Under the fresh arisings of this love we have been painfully interested in the tried and suffering situations in which many our members have been placed, and we have deeply sympathised with you herein and many prayers have been put up to the God and Father of all our tender mercies — to Him who has seen meet to chasten us as a nation and to put forth his righteous judgments upon us as a people — that His gracious all powerful arm might be extended for your preservation— that you might be favoured to find a sure hiding place in Him who has been a never failing covert from the Storms in all generations, to those who put their trust in Him. May we all be favoured in the line of our experience to realize that the name of the Lord is a Strong tower whereunto we may flee and find safety. "Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him".

With ourselves — although Truth may not prosper as at some times in our history, and lukewarmness and the love of the world have too much influence over our minds — yet we have been in a measure comforted and encouraged to witness on this occasion a goodly number of our younger friends assembled with us, who evince an increased interest in the welfare of Zion and a concern for the salvation of their immortal souls. May the Lord so touch the hearts of this class, both with you and us, that they may be induced to enlist under His banner and faithfully serve Him, leaving the strivings and commotions of this world, so unhappily rife at the present time, and to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, then would their peace flow as a river and the blessing of the Almighty, which alone maketh truly rich, would rest upon them.

In conclusion, dear friends, we feel that we may bring to mind the words of our Lord as related by the beloved disciple — "Hold fast that which thou hast received that no man take thy crown." "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God and I will write upon him the name of my God and the name of the City of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of Heaven from my God, and I will write upon him my new name.

With the salutation of love
We are your friends & brethren

Signed by direction and in behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Assembled at our accustomed time and place as a Yearly Meeting, we have received Epistles from our brethren of all the different Yearly Meetings from which, of late years, we have been accustomed to receive them, except from you beloved brethren of North Carolina — And our hearts have been brought to greet you in tenderness and love. The causes which, as we apprehend, have prevented our receiving a salutation from you at the present time may have also prevented ours to you last year from having reached your hands, and may obstruct the transmission to you of the one we now indite.

The awful calamities of Civil War are upon us. Brother is arrayed in deadly strife against brother, and the tender ties of not a few families are most unnaturally rent asunder. While we are remotely situated from the scene of strife, and are not eye witnesses of the devastations of the battle field, except by the return of those who have been engaged there and come back to their homes wasted with sickness or mutilated by wounds — you, dear friends, are brought more immediately to see and to feel and to suffer — And for you are our prayers poured forth that you may find the ark of safety — even the Lord's name — an open and strong tower into which you may flee in this your hour of calamity.

We feel for you in the suffering to which you are subjected — We crave for you that the Lord may strengthen, protect and comfort you, enabling you to be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in His work. You are now brought practically to know what it is to bear a testimony to the peaceable nature of the teachings of Him who is himself the Prince of Peace — You are subjected to suffering for his cause. Trust in Him, beloved friends — His Grace is sufficient for you under every trial — And He will never forsake those whose confidence is placed in Him. "May the God of love and peace be with you". We salute you in the fulness of the sympathy and love of the Gospel and tenderly bid you farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends.

We salute you in the love of the Gospel as dear brethren, feeling, as indicated by your very acceptable Epistle of the Ninth Month last, that our love is fully reciprocated. The cementing influence of the Spirit of our Lord and Saviour, which, as a three fold cord, is not easily broken has been felt by us to be precious. We cherish the hope with that confidence, which the gospel affords, that though trials should assail us and persecutions should arise in consequence of the civil war that rages in our hitherto favoured land — even such as we have not been wont to endure, our faith may not be shaken — for the apostle declared to the Church — Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world — If God be for us who can be against us?. Fervent are our desires at this time that you with us and we with you, may have our minds so stayed on the Lord that we may be kept in perfect peace.

If we are found obedient to the will of our Heavenly Father and practical in the observance of the precepts of his dear Son, who commanded "love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you", we shall be preserved faithful in our allegiance to the Prince of Peace. —

Therefore, dear friends, may our prayers, in fervency of spirit, ascend to the Father of all our sure mercies that he would vouchsafe to us ability to stand fast in the maintenance of our Christian principles and testimonies. They are dear to us. They are not to be compromised for any consideration. And the Lamb and his followers will have the victory. —

We acknowledge that we have been greatly blessed in this, our annual assembly. The Lord has been with us to comfort us. Several dear and valued Friends from abroad have mingled with us — whose labors of love have been edifying and strengthening to us.

Many of our young members have been in attendance of this Yearly Meeting, among whom we are encouraged to find them giving gratifying evidence of a growth in the Truth. So that we are constrained reverently to acknowledge that, while the clouds gather darkly around our outward tabernacle, the Lord is mindful of us and will, we believe, still perpetuate the honor of his great name amongst us.

With much love we remain your friends and brethren

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

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To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends,

Under a renewed sense of the mercy and goodness of our Holy Head, in being again permitted to assemble in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, and to feel a measure of the uniting influence of that love which embraces the whole human family, do we affectionately salute you as brethren beloved, and bid you Godspeed in your heavenward course.

The reading of your acceptable epistle of last year, together with similar tokens of Christian regard from brethren of other Yearly Meetings, has afresh brought our dear friends into affectionate remembrance, with earnest desires that in this day of outward commotion and bitter conflict, we may all be kept in humble dependence upon that Arm of power wherein alone is preservation, and know Him, as of old, to be our "hope in the day of Evil." It is a blessed privilege of the believing Christian, as well as of the Church, in seasons of the greatest trial, to flee for refuge to "the Hope of Israel the Saviour thereof in time of trouble." Hid in the secret of His holy tabernacle, safety from every tumult is experienced, and in quietness, and in confidence in the greatness of His power is our strength found.

Closely allied to this living experience of the guardian care of our Heavenly Father for his children, is the blessed fellowship of the Gospel enjoyed by those who, submitting to the operations of his Spirit upon their own hearts, have, in their measure, been made partakers of the fellowship of the sufferings of Christ, and are thereby qualified, in sympathy with the body, to comfort them which are in any trouble by the comfort wherewith they themselves are comforted of God.

With you, dear friends, we have been brought to mourn the distracted condition of our beloved Country.

The calamities of war are upon us, and we are not permitted to see an end of the deadly strife. But "is any thing too hard for the Lord?" Let us not distrust his power who alone can dispose of the hearts of all men; but committing the cause to Him that judgeth righteously, and who giveth not account of any of His matters, may we confidingly trust that when His blessed designs in suffering this fearful scourge are accomplished, the devouring sword will be stayed.

We notice with interest the report of your efforts, for the promotion of the guarded education of the youth among you, and for the maintenance of schools for scriptural instruction. Evidence has been afforded at this time that many among us are alive to the importance of this subject, and our Committee on Education, as well as Friends generally, have been encouraged to renewed exertions in this interesting work.

Our Meeting has, at this time been large, and we have been favoured to transact the various concerns which have claimed our attention in harmony and love. Christ has indeed been felt to be precious to us, and many of our young men are also evincing a love for his cause.

We have also been refreshed by the company of beloved brethren of other Yearly Meetings, whose labors of love have been to our edification and comfort, and are accepted as a token of Divine regard.

In Conclusion, dear friends, may you and we be afresh animated to press forward in the Christian race; the prize before us is worthy of our highest efforts. "A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our Sanctuary." Discouragement and affliction abound, but the sustaining grace of our Saviour to them is sufficient for all our need. By the riches of this grace may we be kept in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, unto Eternal life.—

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

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## To Western Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

Permitted once more to meet together as a Yearly Meeting, we have cause to acknowledge with gratitude of heart, some sweet renewal of the Lord's ancient goodness in spreading over us the banner of His love; in the fresh extendings of which, we again salute you, beloved brethren, in the words— Grace be with you, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our meeting has at this time been as large or larger than usual; and the presence of a large number of our younger members entering with religious freedom into the concerns of the church, has rendered it a season of deep interest.

In the state of Society amongst us, as shown from our Quarterly Meetings, we find, as expressed in [illegible], that there are deficiencies amongst us, sufficient to admonish us that we are a militant Church, called upon to watch with vigilance over its very dear interests. And yet, we have at this time been comforted in the belief that for these things there is a remedy given in the restoring love of Christ. The tendering influences of this love brought over erring ones will often be found tempering them more thoroughly to the restraints of the Cross, and its constraining virtue bring them nearer to their Lord.

With you, also, we feel deeply in sympathy with our brethren who are situated amid the scenes of our national strife. For them — and for you who lie more than we on the borders of the field of conflict — our heart's desire and prayer to God is, that He may preserve you on every hand — that your engagement may be for a higher interest — and yourselves banded together in the Cause of the Prince of Peace.

Beloved friends, what cause of gratitude have we for the favors we enjoy — and how great the obligation resting on us! Through the Divine blessing on the testimonies early borne by our predecessors in the Truth — and so consistently maintained by their successors — to the peaceful reign of the Messiah, we now enjoy our measure of exemption from active participation in deeds of War — "Other men have labored and we are entered into their labors." Of these things — of the Gospel of Peace, and of its forbiddance of the very spirit of War, we can speak freely, and to mutual edification, within the limits of our own religious brotherhood, and to many Christian friends who are prepared to unite with us in this Christian view, whilst beyond that circle — amidst the "confused noise" of conflict — no words on behalf of "Peace on and good will to men" as the condition ordained of the Lord for the good of man, can be heard or rightly valued.

And yet while we view our own beloved Society standing aside from the conflict, could we but contemplate the absence from the scenes of the vast body of those professing the name of Jesus, who shrink from it through fear of offending the Lord that bought them, and the moral force of such an appeal for Christianity thence arising before the world, we could not fail to see the worth of the position we hold, and how sacredly it is to be maintained in the fear of the Lord.

The guarded education of our children is a subject of deep interest — and the benefits of our Boarding School are still largely felt.

The matters which have come before us at this time have all been disposed of in much Christian harmony — encouraging us to hope that we may return to our homes with some increase of strength for the labor assigned us in the good cause. And with desires that such favor may be granted to us and to you — with feelings of brotherly regard we bid you farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends
for New England, held in Rhode Island,
[illegible]
[illegible]
the 14th and for discipline at Newport, on Second
day morning the 15th of 6th Month 1863.

By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings
it appears that the following Friends have been
appointed Representatives to this Meeting viz

From Rhode Island — David Buffum, Timothy
C. Collins, Perez Peck, Joseph Metcalf,
Levi Almy, William Chase, William
A. Robinson and Gilbert Congdon,
From Salem — Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce,
Edward Gove, John Page, Nathan
Breed of Lynn, Micajah C. Pratt,
Robert L. [illegible] and Thomas H. [illegible].
From Sandwich — Joseph Wing of Samuel, James
Hill, Benjamin Anthony, William C. Taber,
Rufus Shearman Davis, [illegible],
Isaac R. Giffin, Thomas Mayo and
Abram Davis.
From Falmouth — Stephen Jones, [illegible], Nathan Douglass,
Lyman Cartland, Rufus Winslow, Albion
Winslow, Caleb S. Goddard, Charles [illegible],
George Jenkins, George J. Day, Levi
[illegible].
From Smithfield — Richard T. Talley, Thomas [illegible],
Anthony Chase, Gideon Mowry, Jonathan
[illegible] and [illegible]
H. Collins.
From [illegible] — John [illegible]
[illegible] J. [illegible],
[illegible] Blanchard, Timothy Hanson,
Samuel Foster, Hezekiah Pope, Stephen
Jones, Chase and Caleb Nichols,
From Dover — Jabez Meader, Joseph Fry, Daniel

Meader, and [illegible] [illegible].
From Fairfield — James Taylor, [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
Beatty, Mordecai [illegible] [illegible] Simpson,
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] at present, except
few, [illegible] [illegible] appointment [illegible] [illegible].

Having at this Meeting the company of [illegible]
our beloved friends Thomas Scott, of [illegible] Yearly
Meeting, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Monthly
Meeting, Iowa; [illegible] Wilson Jr, Clerk of Genesee Yearly
Meeting, New York; Edward Hopkins, of [illegible] Monthly
Meeting, Ohio; Phebe [illegible] Underhill of [illegible] Monthly
Meeting, New York; [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] Monthly
Meeting, Indiana; [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] Monthly
Meeting, Canada West, and Mary [illegible] of [illegible] Monthly
Meeting, Ohio; satisfactory certificates from their
respective Meetings expressing unity with them as
Ministers, and with their present religious engagements,
were read.

We have also the company of our beloved friends,
Asenath M. Dixon, companion to our friend [illegible],
and Elizabeth [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
our friend Edward Hopkins, from their respective Monthly
Meetings, having expressions of unity with them as Elders,
and with their present engagements.

Satisfactory minutes, expressive of unity with
them as members, were also received on account of our
friends Samuel T. Clark, companion to our friend
Thomas Scott; Nathan S. Bond, companion to
our friend [illegible] [illegible]; Richard Dixon accompany-
ing our friend [illegible] [illegible], and Phebe Griffin companion
to our friend Phebe G. Underhill.

We have received and read at this time, the
Genesee printed Epistle for 1845, which is truly
satisfactory and instructive, and we think peculiarly
adapted to us, in the present condition of things in
this land, setting forth very clearly among other duties,
the necessity of a strict dependence upon God, [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

and teachings of the Prince of Peace; and our friends Timothy A. Cal and Henry T. Wood are appointed to attend to the distribution of a reprint of 3,000 copies through the [illegible] that it may be read by our members generally, to whom we commend its instructive counsel; and Friends are encouraged in their families to cause it to be publicly read, at the close of a meeting on the first day of the week.

We have received truly acceptable Epistles, from our dear brethren of London Yearly Meeting (both of 1862 and the present year) Ireland, New York, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, and Western, addressed to us, evincing an affectionate remembrance and Christian sympathy – which is cordially reciprocated; and we appoint the following Friends, to prepare, if way opens for it, and present to a future sitting essays of Epistles, to their meetings respectively, and also to our dear friends of North Carolina, from whom we have received no communication, at this time, on account, as we believe, of the difficulty of transmitting documents from their section to this part of the country, in the existing state of war – and they are also [illegible] to address Iowa Yearly Meeting, soon to be assembled for the first time. Samuel [illegible], Benj. Tilley, John D. Young, Charles R. Coffin, [illegible], C. Tabor, James Van Blarcom, Eli Jones, John Page, John [illegible] Cook, David [illegible], John [illegible], Henry T. Wood, Samuel [illegible], George S. [illegible], Timothy A. Cook, Thomas B. [illegible], Samuel [illegible], Stephen Cartland, Peter Purdue, Charles [illegible] Tucker, Eli Jones, William A. Robinson, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], John Elder, Stephen Jones and [illegible].

A Copy [illegible]

[illegible] to the [illegible] acceptable, for examination, to our friends [illegible] Buffum and William C. Taber.

All the Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid, as directed to be paid, to our Treasurer, the amount of stock called for last year, and we appoint our friends Gideon C. Smith, Micajah C. [illegible], [illegible] J. Thomas, Hiram W. [illegible], Samuel H. Allen, [illegible] Fry, Elias Meader, and Charles R. Dailey, to settle the Treasurer's account, consider of a sum suitable to be raised for the use of the Meeting, the present year, and propose the name of a person for Treasurer.

By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that Rhode Island has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in recording the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Cynthia [illegible], and with [illegible] Monthly Meeting in a similar manner in regard to the gift of Eliza [illegible], also with the latter meeting in the appointment of Sarah Slade to the station of Elder. William G. Perry, an Elder and Minister of South Kingston Monthly Meeting, died on the 24th of 8th Month 1862, aged [illegible] years, 5 months and 5 days. Jonathan Congdon, an Elder and Minister of Providence Monthly Meeting, died on the 21st of 1st Month 1863, aged [illegible] years, [illegible] months and 9 days.

Salem Quarterly Meeting has united with Weare Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Joseph [illegible], and of Alice B. [illegible] to the station of Elder.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Nathan [illegible] and Mary [illegible] to the station of Elder. Mehitabel Gifford, a Minister and Elder of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, deceased 9th Month 20th 1862, aged 73 years, 1 month and 4 days. Nathan [illegible], an Elder and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 1st Month 13th 1863, aged 67 years, 10 months, 16 days.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting has united with Durham Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of [illegible] Cole, and George [illegible] to the station of Elder; and with

Windham Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of [illegible] to the same station. [illegible] a Minister and Elder of Windham Monthly Meeting deceased the 13th of 9th Month 1862 aged 65 years 9 months and 23 days.

Smithfield has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Ruth M. [illegible] to the station of Elder. Buffum Chace, an Elder and Member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, deceased 9th Month 10th 1862, aged 53 years 4 Months, 11 days.

Vassalboro has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Rachel B. Nichols and Maria S. Nichols to the station of Elder.

Dover has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of [illegible] and Stephen [illegible] to the Station of Elder.

[illegible] has united with [illegible] Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abel Sampson to the station of Elder.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

[illegible]

Stephen [illegible], on behalf of the representatives, reported that they had conferred together, and agreed in proposing Samuel [illegible] for clerk, and Charles R. [illegible] as assistant Clerk, which being approved by the Meeting, they are appointed to their stations for the ensuing year.

Also at this Meeting the acceptable company of our friend Rachel [illegible], accompanied by our friend Eliza [illegible], a [illegible] feeling minute from West Lake Monthly Meeting [illegible] has read, expressing unity with her as a minister of that Meeting, and with her [illegible] in [illegible].

The [illegible] of the Meeting [illegible] were before us and read.

The Committee to superintend our Boarding

School at Providence presented the following report, which is interesting and satisfactory to us and this meeting greatly appreciates the munificent donation of our friend [illegible], and fully approves and adopts the minute made by the School Committee on the reception of his gift, and the clerk is directed to convey to our friend a copy of the minute and the sense of this Meeting in relation to his generous act; and the Friends who were appointed are continued to co-operate with a similar Committee of the [illegible] Meeting in superintending the school the ensuing year, [illegible], to report next year.

"To the Yearly Meeting:—

The Committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School during the past year, report: that they have attended to their appointment, and have much satisfaction in being able to state that it is in a prosperous condition, and that the administration of its various concerns has been such as to merit their approval.

The number of pupils admitted into the School, for the Summer term, was 97, viz 63 males and 34 females; for the winter term 166, viz 97 males and 69 females.

The officers of the Institution have been,— Albert K. Smiley and [illegible] Smiley, Principals; Alfred H. Smiley, [illegible]; Rebecca H. Smiley and Sarah P. Nichols, Teachers of English branches; [illegible] Teacher of Mathematics [illegible] Mary A. [illegible] Teacher of [illegible]. [illegible] term, Rebecca A. King, and in the winter term, Louisa P. King were employed on account of the [illegible] health of Rebecca H. Smiley.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the School house on First day mornings, which have been uniformly satisfactory; and the scholars continue to attend the meetings of Friends in the city on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been [illegible] the winter time it was interrupted by one or two cases of diphtheria, and several cases of pneumonia, one of which early assumed the typhoid form and proved fatal, in the person of Daniel Austin Chace, of Bristol, Rhode Island, a young man nearly 17 years of age, son of Daniel and Harriet Chace. This dispensation of Divine Providence was thus noticed in the minutes of the Committee:— "The removal by death of one of the pupils, although a youth, which [illegible] us into a renewed and solemn sense of the uncertainty of life; and in this feeling our minds were exercised in sympathy for the bereaved relatives, in the humble trust that they mourn not as those without hope, and that our Heavenly Father may be a present help in their sore affliction.

At our Meeting in the 9th Month, we received [illegible] Jesse Metcalf:—

"Providence 9th Mo 10th 1869

To the Committee of New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School.

Dear Friends;

My Father, Eleazer Metcalf, having in his will bequeathed to the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, after my decease, under circumstances therein specified, Sixty five shares of the capital stock of the Manufacturers Bank, in Providence (par value $6.000); One hundred and twenty shares of the Phenix Bank, Providence (par value $6.000) One hundred shares of the New England Pacific Bank, Smithfield (par value $5.000) and one hundred shares of the [illegible] Providence Bank (par value $5000) for the education of poor children, in that Institution; and being desirous, in my life time, to contribute to the object contemplated by my dear father, I

have this day authorized the Treasurer of the School fund to receive the dividends from the stocks above enumerated, until otherwise ordered by me, and to apply as directed in said will, a copy of which I append, to this account, I herewith proceed, so as not to be [illegible]
[illegible]
I may desire to avail the benefit of a part of said
[illegible]
Regulations of the School.

With my best wishes for the prosperity of the institution
I am your friend
Jacob Mickey

Upon reading the foregoing communication, the following minute was placed upon our minds, viz.,

"This generous and liberal donation from our friend Jacob Mickey, is gratefully received by us, and we trust it will prove a blessing to many of the youth in our Yearly Meeting. We accept it as an evidence, on the part of our friend, of a desire to promote the best interests of those who need a helping hand in obtaining an education to qualify them for usefulness in life, and desire that the benevolent donor may be blessed in his deed."

During the past year, a neat and convenient Astronomical Observatory has been erected on the School premises, and furnished with a telescope and transit instrument and clock; the expense of these instruments being mostly defrayed by the subscriptions of a few friends. The object aimed at is to afford the scholars generally an opportunity of observing some of the more common and striking telescopic phenomena of the heavens, and more especially, to provide for those pursuing the study of Astronomy an opportunity of making practical problems by means of well-constructed instruments of moderate power. The more advanced pupils are accustomed to the use of the instruments, and it is believed that in this way the study of Astronomy will be made more thorough and
[illegible]

By the report of the Committee to examine the accounts, of the Institution, it appears that the whole expenses in the past year have been defrayed by receipts from board and tuition, the products of the farm and fifty two hundred dollars received from the Treasurer of the School fund, and that a balance of one hundred and one dollars remains in hand. A large expenditure was required in painting the house & building the Observatory, and further expenditures will soon be necessary for keeping the buildings in good repair. Notwithstanding this, and the greatly enhanced cost of all articles of consumption, we think it will be safe, under the prudent and skilful management of our Principals, to propose that prices for pupils remain the same as last year, viz. $40 per term for members of N. Eng. Yearly Meeting; $60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and $100 for any others, payable in all cases in advance, and that $5 additional charge continue to be made for instruction either in the ancient languages, in French or in Drawing [illegible] that [illegible] & station-ary be furnished as heretofore.

In conclusion, we may state that moral and religious instruction, including, especially, a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, has, we think, been carefully attended to, and the pupils generally have given evidence of interest in these important subjects; and we thankfully trust that this Institution continues to be [illegible] of Him who [illegible] can sustain us.

Signed by direction and behalf of the School Committee

Gilbert Congdon Clerk

Providence 9th Month 12th 1863"

**Note.** — the summer term, 1863, closed the 30th of 9th month. Winter term 1863-4. Commencing on Fourth day, the 4th of 11th month and closed the 23rd of 3rd month 1864.

The Summer term of 1864 commenced Fourth day the 4th of 5th Month.

# Regulations of the School Committee.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting who desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting in season to be laid before the Committee at their meetings held in the third and ninth Months. At these meetings, applications for members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, and then they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the "Charitable Fund" or of "the Jacob Mitchell donation" will also be determined at the times above specified, and in all these cases information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the Committee in deciding upon them.

It is expected and earnestly desired, that all the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless otherwise directed by the Committee; and in all cases a pupil being admitted for the term and attending the School it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils and all others visiting the School will be expected to [illegible] of the expenses resulting therefrom to the Institution.

All applications for admission should be made to the Principals.

Address

Albert K. Smiley
Principal Friends Boarding School
Providence R.I.

[Committee.— Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, William C. Taber, James Taylor, Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, George Howland Jr, Samuel Austin, Charles R. Tucker, David Buffum, Henry W. Chase, [illegible] and John [illegible]

Sarah Howland, Lydia Congdon, Sarah H. Tobey, Ann Cummings, Eliza W. Boyce, Mary A. Smith, Lydia M. Jones, Dorcas H. Tucker, Rachel S. Howland, Sarah S. Sampson, Ann B. Cook, and Anna S. Cummings]

The Committee appointed this morning reported favourably to reading the communication addressed to this Meeting by an individual, and it was accordingly read. It proved to be an address from our beloved friend William Green, of England, who was so acceptably with us at our last Yearly Meeting. The spirit of love which it breathes, the evident concern manifested for the prosperity of Truth and for the healing of breaches, and the sound counsel it contains, were feelingly responded to in this Meeting, and the message was gratefully received and directed to be placed on [illegible] The Clerk is directed to acknowledge its receipt to our friend William Green, with the expression of our continued love and unity.

"To Friends of the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and New England."

Dear Friends,

Having been [illegible] of me to visit you, in the love of the everlasting Gospel, both the Meeting of Philadelphia, and that of New England, and having attended, with a few exceptions, all the meetings of Friends in both places, and feeling nearly united to my dear Friends in the unity of both Meetings, I feel constrained in that same love, to address you at this time, although in a feeble way; believing there are up and down amongst you those who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, and who are sincerely desiring the prosperity of Zion and the enlargement of her borders. To such as these, I desire to say, God speed; that their number may be more and more abundantly increased, and their prayers be felt. But how combined necessary it is, that they should be united as members of the one fold, Endeavouring to strengthen one another's hands in the Lord's work and service, in these latter days that are now upon us. I believe one great obstacle which has lain in the way of a true fellowship [illegible] has been watching for one another's halting, and not a willingness to see their own, and to have Charity for each other, well disposed to say, Stand by them. I am [illegible] [illegible] as we are seen in the Divine sight, would it not humble us and cause us to look more favorably on others; Love would be the covering of our spirit. By this, said our Blessed Redeemer, shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one towards another.

It has appeared to me, my dear friends, that a party spirit has made great ravages in our borders, and as it were, saying I am of Paul and another I am of Apollos, or in other words, setting up tabernacles for Moses and Elias; but they will not do, if we ever expect to be the people that the Lord designed that we should be; it must be by hearing and obeying the only begotten Son of God and him alone. It is He, and He only, that can raise us up a living people as in days of old, or as in former years. I do believe it is His design concerning us as a people, that we should yet shine in our ancient beauty; and oh! that the day may hasten on apace, when the poor stripped Church may come forth out of her wilderness state, leaning on the arm of Christ Jesus, the beloved of our souls, clear as the Sun, fair as the moon, and terrible to all those that would oppose her shining, as an army with banners,— not in the strength nor power of man, nor in the wisdom of man, but by and through the Lord's blessed Spirit; for it is not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts. And now, my dear friends, in true and unfeigned love, I bid you farewell, desiring that Grace, Mercy and Peace, from God the Father and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ, may more and more abound amongst you.

Thy poor, unworthy brother

William Green

This 4th day of 9th Month, 1863"

Our friends Samuel Gifford, Mary F. Nixon, Job Head, Calvin G. Goddard, Richard Battey, Thomas B. Nichols, Heman Giles, and Mary Daily, are appointed to prepare a summary of the answers, and present at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 O'clock tomorrow Morning.

Third day Morning, the 16th, the Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment, Representatives [illegible] except three,

After a season of silent waiting and being favoured, as we trust, to witness a renewal of the Divine presence, the Meeting entered upon a consideration of the state of Society, by reading the Queries and Answers; and having attended to the 1st and 2nd adjourned to 4 O'clock P.M.

In the afternoon we again assembled, and concluded the review of our State of Society by reading the remaining answers to the Queries.

During the whole of this interesting engagement, a covering of good was felt to be over the Meeting, and much living and pertinent Counsel and admonition was extended to us, by those [illegible] qualified thereto. We were taught renewedly to feel that the paramount concerns of time is the preparation for Eternity. We all know that we are to appear before the judgment Seat of Christ. We know that we are individually responsible unto God. We know that He is omnipotent. We

acknowledge our dependence upon Him, and that it
is His prerogative to those who neither regard nor please
Him. We trust there is not one amongst us that can
in question this solemn truth. Yet, while we thus confess-
-ion upon our lips, how is it exemplified in our lives?
How do we manifest our sense of dependence — our faith
— our practical faith, when we neglect to perform
the reasonable service of assembling to worship Him?
Even on the day when secular concerns are suspended by
common consent, how lamentable is the thought, that so
many of our numbers fail to attend meetings for divine
worship, and still a greater number, when some sacrifice
may be necessary, to attend those established for the
same purpose in the middle of the week. The Meeting
is deeply exercised on this account, and earnestly desires,
in its concern for the salvation of souls, to arouse Friends
to a sense of their duty, while opportunity is granted to
discharge it. "Awake thou that sleepest, arise from
the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." Live
no longer in a state of careless indifference. Reflect on
the uncertainty of the continuance of the pilgrimage on
earth, and endeavor to realize how it will be with
thee, when the Son of man cometh. Count all things
but dross, that thou mayest win Him. Yield to the
blessed and constraining love of the Holy Spirit, and
thou wilt see in Christ a perfect Saviour and Redeemer,
and wilt come experimentally to *know* Him and to
rejoice in Him with joy unspeakable. "Forsake
not the assembling of yourselves together" is an injunction
of the Apostle; and as worship is an individual duty,
none should be discouraged, or feel excused by the
fewness in number of those that assemble. The
blessed Jesus will be with them that meet in His
name, and, although there may be none to
minister in the word, He, himself, will enable you acceptably
to "worship Him that made Heaven and Earth, and
the sea, and the fountains of waters." As you love your
children, take them with you, for you know not at
how tender an age, the Day Spring from on high
may visit them.

One of the direct commands of Christ is, "Thou

shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Can any one give to others design, detraction, if his spirit is right towards God. Can he speak evil of another if his heart is filled with love. Whilst he bears his [illegible] will he not endeavour to instruct the wanderer — to point out to him the safe path — to show him the way of salvation, and to win him to Christ? Beloved friends, we are persuaded that this will be the course of all who truly love Christ and strive to keep his commandments. To detract from the merits of a brother, to depreciate him in the view of his fellow men, is evidence that Evil is existing in our own hearts — that we have not witnessed true and abiding conversion — that we are not walking in the regeneration, but still are indulging in the [illegible].
"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment, and the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

It is evident from the answers to the third Query, that there is not that faithful attention in all Friends's families, to the reading of the Holy Scriptures in a collective capacity, which has been so often recommended by this Yearly Meeting; and we believe and [illegible] have been the instructions we have received, that the Bible — that unspeakable boon from Heaven, which maketh wise unto salvation, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ — may receive our daily, more close attention, in our families. Religious family opportunities are often blessed seasons, and we earnestly desire that Friends may seek for the strength thus to be obtained, and not shrink from bearing the cross, in performing any religious service in their families, which our Heavenly Father may require. "Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

In the present [illegible] state of our beloved [illegible] when the sword is drawn, when brother is engaged in destroying brother, and the cry of woe and desolation is heard in the land, depressing to all, cannot our concern, that all of us, both young and older, may be preserved from all manner of strife, and [illegible], [illegible] we have been prepared. The cause we profess can be aided by us if we are really guided by the Prince of [illegible] do good to them that hate us, and to pray for them that despitefully use us, whose kingdom is not of this world, and who taught his disciples to pray unto the Father, "thy kingdom come". Now is the time when our profession is practically tried; may our course of peace, and we earnestly entreat Friends to manifest that their trust is not in man, nor in the strength of man, but in the Lord Almighty; and that we are willing patiently to [illegible] suffering, [illegible] Christ's sake. Who can say how great may be our influence for good, by this exemplification of the principle of peace, in an hour like the present.

While the deeply interesting subjects of the Seventh query were under consideration, thankfulness was expressed to the Father of mercies, for the preservation that has been thus far extended to us, and deep and tender was the sympathy manifested for those members in trouble in consequence of having any in their families having entered the Army; and fervent are the prayers of the Church for all of them.

Under a grateful sense of mercy extended to us in love, the Meeting now adjourns to 10. O'clock to-morrow Morning.

The following is a summary of the answers received, viz:

## Summary

Answer 1st. Our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended, except that some omissions occurring in small meetings; those on First days have generally been attended by most of our members.

Meetings for discipline are regularly attended. Other mid-week meetings continue to be neglected by many; the hour is mostly observed by our Friends. Unbecoming behavior mostly guarded against, a few instances of sleeping excepted. One account states that care has been extended.

2d— Love and unity appear to be in a good degree maintained amongst us; detraction is mostly guarded against, with one exception, in three of the accounts. When differences have arisen, endeavors have been used to end them. Some care is wanting in two of the answers.

3d— Most of our members, we think, are careful to bring up those under their care in plainness, also to restrain them from pernicious reading, are found careful in conversation, and are, in good degree, exemplary themselves; while others appear less watchful in these respects. The Holy Scriptures are, we believe, read in all Friends' families, and frequently in most of them.

4th Spirituous liquors appear to be confined to Medical purposes, except in six instances, and two accounts give indefinite exceptions; our Friends are generally careful to avoid frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, with some exceptions, from one Quarterly Meeting; and to observe moderation and temperance on the occasions referred to, some care taken.

5th— The necessities of the poor have been relieved, and the education of their children attended to. With a few exceptions in one account, children are placed among Friends.

6th Careful in these respects, except a few instances of keeping company with those not in membership with us on account of Marriage. Five cases of marrying out are reported, one of which is under notice.

7th— Our testimony to the freeness of the Gospel ministry has, we trust, been maintained with a few exceptions, three of which are under notice. Forty three enlistments, in the military service of the United States are definitely reported; in twelve of which cases disownment has taken place, and seven more are reported as under notice. One account states a few instances of intemperance. Two make some exceptions in regard to other moral matters. Clear in the other parts of this query. Two accounts state some care taken.

8th With a few exceptions, Friends are careful to inspect their affairs, and settle their accounts, some lack to this principle, just in the payment of their debts, and in regard to live within the bounds of their Circumstances.

9th Care is taken to record. A number of births and deaths unrecorded, most of which are under notice.

10th Care has been taken to deal with offenders, we trust, in good season as required of us, though not so seasonably, in some cases, as would be best. Judgment has, we believe, been placed according to discipline.

Fourth day morning, the 17th, the Meeting assembled according to adjournment. The Representatives present except five.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, were laid before us and being read the proceedings of that meeting in relation to the important subjects that have claimed their attention, are satisfactory to us — as manifested by a very full and free expression on the part of the Meeting, including many of our young men; And the Friends now under appointment are continued to compose a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, to attend, on our behalf, to such subjects as may come before them requiring their attention, and to lay their proceedings before this Meeting, next year.

Members of the Meeting for Sufferings:—

David Buffum, [illegible], Joseph Metcalf, [illegible] Job, John H. [illegible], Samuel [illegible], [illegible] Wing, [illegible], Joseph Tobey of Albion, [illegible] C. Collins, Thomas [illegible], Stephen [illegible] A. Allen, Stephen A. Chase, William [illegible], Elias Meader, [illegible] C. Smith, Thomas [illegible], George Howland, [illegible]

Sampson, William R. Atkinson, [illegible],
Gilbert Congdon, Richard Mott, Eleazer [illegible],
Allen, M. Minot, Elisha Jones, [illegible], Job
[illegible], Charles R. Tucker, Samuel Gifford, [illegible]
Boyd, [illegible], Joseph Taylor, George [illegible], [illegible]
Mosher, David King, Thomas Huntington jr. and
Edward Carr.

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee continued under appointment last year, to labor in that ability which might be afforded them to promote love and unity wherever they are interrupted within our limits, report that they have given attention to their appointment and so far as way has opened for it, have extended assistance to meetings and individuals, which they believe has not been without some benefit. They regret however that there is still evidence of a lack, on the part of some individuals in different meetings, of that unity which is essential to their own welfare and the right order of the Church, and it is their judgment that care therein should be extended by this Meeting through a Committee.

Isaac R. Gifford,
John H. Ring,
Samuel Boyce,
Simon Mosher,
Samuel F. Tripp,
Charles R. Tucker,
Gilbert Congdon,
John Paige.

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And after solid consideration, and under a deep feeling for the removal of hindrances which may now exist in the Church, the same friends are continued under appointment to labor, on behalf of this meeting, in the ability which may be mercifully afforded, to restore love and unity where they may not fully exist, to promote the right order of the Church [illegible] report to this meeting next year.

Committee.— James Boyd Jr., Gilbert Congdon, [illegible] Clark, Samuel [illegible] Freeman, [illegible], John H. Lang, Daniel Meader, [illegible] Paige, and Chas. A. Tucker.

Adjourned to 3 O'Clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. Friends again assembled.

The Committee on Education presented the subjoined Report which is interesting and encouraging to us.

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Education, in presenting their report, are aware that in some instances the subject of education is claiming a large share of public attention, and that the members of this Yearly Meeting are not only deeply interested in the Friends' Boarding School at Providence and the Oak Grove Seminary at Vassalboro', which the Committee believe are now in a very flourishing condition, but that many of them are associated with their fellow citizens, in the different localities where they reside, in the supervision and welfare of our public Schools. We do not propose, therefore, to enter upon the consideration of this subject in its various features of interest, but to offer, in connection with the usual statistical information, a few suggestions, touching the importance of awakening a still deeper interest in the religious instruction of our members; for we fear that, in this respect, we have sustained a great loss.

We have obtained, in answer to circulars addressed to the different Monthly Meetings, and others, the following information. No response was received from one Monthly Meeting.

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| The number of Children in this Yearly Meeting, between the ages of 5 and 15 years is | 556. |
| The number between 15 and 21 is | 471. |
| The number of Monthly Meeting Schools | 2 |
| The " of Preparative Meeting Schools | 1. |

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| The number of family Schools | 8. |
| Whole number attending school | 195. |
| " " taught by Friends | 315. |
| " " engaged in teaching | 135 |
| Number of members obtaining an Education in Academies, or Colleges, not under the care of Friends | 33 |
| Number of First day Schools | 50 |
| Character of these Schools | Small, |
| Whole number attending First day Schools | 1423. |
| Number of Friends' children | 472 |
| " of Teachers | 193 |
| " of Bible classes | 132. |
| " attending Bible classes | 604. |
| " of Friends attending | 521. |

It will be seen, that during the last year, the number of First day Schools has been increased by 17 (or more than one-half) and that the number of persons receiving instruction in these schools, 551 have been added! Also that the additional number of Bible classes is 25, and that the additional members of Bible Classes are 271. This, the Committee consider most gratifying intelligence, for it not only shows an increasing interest in the Establishment of schools for the scriptural instruction of the youth, but evinces, on the part of our older Friends a desire to strengthen and encourage them by their presence, and thus are all mutually benefited, and the advantages [illegible] It will be perceived, that only about one-third part of the number are members of our Religious Society.

In this way, there is an opportunity presented for extending our usefulness, in promoting the cause of universal righteousness in the earth, which should be the chief object of all our educational efforts.

We would not rejoice at the indications of interest manifested in the Boarding Schools [illegible], and training, for promoting a thorough practical Education, and the increased zeal exhibited in opening schools for the study of the Sacred Scriptures, which have done so much to [illegible] [illegible] bless man, we are [illegible]

Parents, [illegible] especially [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the interesting work in [illegible] [illegible] of parents, and urged, that the family circle is, after all, the most important school in which children are placed; for it is here that the character of the man, for good or for evil, is generally formed. Hence the importance of determining what that home influence shall be, bearing in mind that it is operating mostly upon the hearts of immortal beings, during the period when their hearts are most susceptible of influence. Care should be taken [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to make home less attractive than the places and company which lead the mind [illegible] from [illegible]. Rather let the charm and the freedom of love pervade the home of every child, and then shall home influence be always lovely to him, and always sacred.

By the direction of the Committee

John M. Cresman, Clerk"

The Committee under appointment, with the substitution of Joseph S. [illegible] in the place of Joseph [illegible], now removed from St. [illegible] Monthly Meeting, is continued to attend to this important and very interesting concern, and is desired to strengthen their hands in the work.

This Meeting again urges the suggestion contained in the Report of the Committee last year, viz:

"We would further suggest, that it would be advisable, and the Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting on this interesting subject, of Monthly Meetings would be appointed Committees to take statistics, to encourage the organization of First Day Schools in all our Meetings, and to act in their respect in conjunction with the Yearly Meeting's Committee. [illegible] the names of these several Committees, together with the members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, residing within each Quarterly Meeting, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Yearly Meeting, to prepare a report to be furnished to the Commissioner of Education when they ask a Report."

And this Meeting earnestly recommends our several Monthly Meetings to attend to this suggestion, and to render all the assistance to our Committee, to enable them to furnish full and correct statistical information from year to year.

[Committee. — Joseph C. Macomber, Solomon R. Knowles, Samuel Austin, Abel F. Collins, Samuel [illegible] Richard Brown, Edward H. Cox, Nathan S. Shepherd, Stephen Haines, Isaac K. Tobey, Adrian Hair, Charles Tate, Isaac Sher, Nathan Babcock, Timothy R. Cole, George Slaughter, Henry M. Mint, Arthur Pope, Silas McCartland, Wm. B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Jedediah J. Carney, Amos W. Painter, Albert C. Buffum, George Carney, George Richardson, Levi Jones, and Joseph E. Hawkes.

Women's Committee. — Cynthia Bowen, Sabilina Dudley, Elizabeth A. Chandler, Mary D. Collins, Mary Starr, Lydia S. Chase, Elizabeth Page, Mary J. Cox, Elizabeth C. King, Ruth A. Shepherd, Lydia Swain, Mehetabel B. Gifford, Rebecca A. Church, Susan Tobey, Abigail S. Hodgson, Lydia B. Sims, Abigail Mott, Jane C. Miner, Julia J. Goddard, Lydia M. Pope, Ann M. McCartland, Rachel B. Nichols, Lydia Jones, Jane M. Carney, Mary H. Meader, Lydia S. Carney, Sarah Hoag, Hannah A. King, Lavinia M. Briggs, and Deborah N. Hawkes.]

The Committee on the education and civilization concern of this Meeting in the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians made the following Report, which, as in former years, is interesting and satisfactory to Friends; — and our Committee is continued under appointment and requested to attend to our concern as way may open for it; this Meeting being desirous that these people should feel that we are interested in them and disposed to do them good, as way is opened it cannot but be [illegible], and tend to the advantage of our County in its early settlement to that people.

## To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to have charge of the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of [illegible] among the Passamaquoddy Indians, report:

That those of the Passamaquoddy tribe are getting along much the same as in former years, making some improvement in agriculture, and becoming, though very gradually, more interested in that subject, and also in the education of their children.

The Committee have not drawn on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the same appropriation last year, for the benefit of this tribe, but would recommend that the amount remain subject to the order of the Committee.

Two of our members were enabled to make a visit to the Passamaquoddy tribe in the Eighth Month last year, although many of their number were at the time absent from their homes, it proved an interesting visit to the Committee and highly gratifying to the Indians. At Pleasant Point, some eight miles from Eastport, is a small settlement of from twenty five to thirty houses, which in appearance would compare favorably with many New England villages, the houses having a clean and neat appearance and [illegible].

A School was in session on the afternoon of our visit, [illegible] by the teacher that this was more than their usual attendance, [illegible] fifty [illegible] present at one time, the average was only about fifteen, the attendance being very irregular. Their improvement, however, under the circumstances has been good. About fifty miles farther up the river is another portion of this tribe which we visited. There also was a School at the time of our visit. We did not see it in session but were informed that the attendance was small. Their houses tho' generally [illegible] located comfortable. They have a good school house at each of their villages.

On behalf of the Committee
Hepsibah Jones.
Newport 6th Month 17th 1863"

[Committee — John [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Tober, Nathan Simmons, Allen Hoag, Caleb Nichols, Samuel Taylor, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Henry T. Wood, James Van Blarcom, George Richardson, and Joseph Cole.]

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes, made the following report, viz,

"To the Yearly Meeting:—

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes, report that they have attended to their appointment, and find a balance due the Treasurer, of two thousand five hundred and sixty nine $\frac{21}{100}$ dollars ($2,569.21) they are united in proposing the sum of twenty five hundred dollars ($2,500) to be raised for the use of the meeting; and David Buffum for Treasurer.

Gideon C. Smith
For the Committee
Newport 6th Mo 16th 1863"

Which is approved, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their respective quotas of $2,500, and forward the same to our friend, David Buffum, whom we appoint our Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The following proposition, from Salem Quarterly Meeting, claimed the serious consideration of this Meeting, and we were united in referring it to the attention of the Meeting next year, viz

"The subject of proposing to the Yearly Meeting a revision of our discipline" has at this time claimed our attention; and it is concluded to leave the same before our next Yearly Meeting for its consideration."

The Committee to attend to the distribution of a reprint of 3,500 copies of the London General Epistle report that the service has been performed.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock tomorrow afternoon

Fifth Day afternoon, the 15th, met according to adjournment. The Representatives [illegible] present.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proposes the appointment of Peter M. Collins as Correspondent of South Kingston Monthly Meeting in place of William S. Perry, deceased; address Hopkinton R.I.; and Sandwich proposes the appointment of Joseph Wing correspondent of Sandwich Monthly Meeting in place of [illegible] Gifford, deceased; address Sandwich, Mass. in which this Meeting unites.

In the epistle from New York, we are informed that Joseph Gillens has been appointed Correspondent of Adrian Monthly Meeting, in place of Samuel Satterthwaite, deceased; address Adrian Michigan. Edward [illegible] Cronk, Correspondent of [illegible] Monthly Meeting in place Archelaus Southam, deceased; address [illegible]

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Thomas Smith, and similar ones for our friends [illegible], William H. Chase, Edmund Perkins, [illegible] Underhill, Jane Jones, Eliza [illegible], and Mary [illegible]

"Our beloved friend Thomas Smith attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Samuel T. Clark, and a minute for our friends Nathan M. Wood, Richard Nixon, Arnall H. Nixon, Cecil H. Harkins, Phebe Griffin, and Rachel Conklin, viz:

"Our beloved friend, Samuel T. Clark, attended this meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

The Committee on the Correspondence presented Essays of Epistles to our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western and Iowa, which the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf and forward to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is requested to cause [illegible] copies of the Minutes of this meeting of the present year to be printed and furnished to the families of Friends.

The interesting and important engagements of this Meeting are now satisfactorily concluded. Many of us came up hither deeply bowed in spirit. We know the trials through which the Church is now passing and the commotions and perplexities that surround us. And now in parting with each other [illegible] gratefully confess that we have been strengthened by the renewed evidence we have received that the Lord has not forsaken us — that his ear is open to the prayers of them who, through the blessed Intercessor, come unto Him for help — and that preservation will continue to be extended to all who put their trust in Him. The Meeting adjourns to meet on this Island, at the usual time, next year, if the Lord permit.

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

# Epistles.

From New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Newport Rhode Island in the 6th Month 1863.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London.

Dear Friends,

In christian love we salute you, and acknowledge the receipt of your Epistle of 1862, and one addressed to us by your Meeting the present year. Very sweet and comforting are these Epistles. You remember us in this day of sore trial, you sympathise with us — and above all you pray for us. We feel the benefit of your exercise on our behalf. We realize that however widely separated as to the outward brethren may be, there is a spiritual nearness, a closeness in Christian union which are not effected by space. In this we greatly rejoice and are thankful to our Father in Heaven.

The terrible War, which for more than two years, has existed in our land, still continues, and at the present day we believe is raging with more fierceness than at any previous period. [illegible] of our countrymen are now arrayed against each other in deadly strife. Terrible battles are now being fought and the train of distress, murder and privation, is heard on every hand. In a day like this we realize that our dependence must be placed on God — that He alone can keep us. We feel that it is peculiarly incumbent upon us now in our time of proving, to manifest to all men that we are followers of the Prince of Peace, and can in no wise resort to carnal weapons or give countenance in any way to a spirit of War — that we are to prove the sincerity of our principles in patient suffering for conscience sake. While we love our country, and are engaged to pray for its deliverance, we have no sympathy with the purposes of those who are striving to [illegible] us and from whom to a large extent a knowledge of the way of salvation through a crucified and risen Saviour is withheld. We remember with satisfaction the concern of your Meeting so often expressed and practically manifested for the removal of the sin of Slavery, and under all our suffering, we take a little comfort in believing that the Lord who overrules all things, that the slave will be released from his chains and brought into the freedom of the Truth as it is in Jesus. We are encouraged to persevere in our endeavour not only to alleviate their present necessities and assuage the physical suffering of those who are now being freed from bondage but to aid in the work of their Christianization.

Our present Year Meeting has been largely attended. We have witnessed the unmerited goodness and Mercy of our Heavenly Father extended to us. We have rejoiced in a sense of the presence, as we humbly believe, of the Unseen Head of the Church from season to season during the whole progress of our Meeting and thankfully feel that in His abounding love, though cast down, we are not destroyed – to Him we ascribe grateful praise.

[illegible] us. They have given evidence of an intelligent interest in the various engagements of our Meeting and we are comforted in the belief that not a few of them have known conversion to Christ – and rejoicing in his love and living engaged to keep his commandments and honour Him as their Saviour and Redeemer.

And now in true love and Gospel fellowship we bid you farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,
Samuel Boyd Tobey – Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Dublin.

Dear Friends,

We acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable Epistle of Fifth Month last, and most sincerely to reciprocate the expressions of Christian love, sympathy and tender brotherliness therein conveyed to us, by this ancient and excellent practice of the Church.

Your expressions in relation to the conduct of Friends in the [illegible] so feelingly alluded to by you, have often tendered our hearts, and proved sweet and comforting to us. And we earnestly desire that whatever privations may be permitted to us, we may be preserved to bear a faithful testimony to the principles of the Gospel of [illegible] the awful struggle now going on between the two great sections of our beloved country. We were much tendered, and earnestly encouraged not to let our hearts be troubled, but to look to Israel's God, who is the same now as he was to his people in days of old, and in whom we could more firmly trust.

The subject of frequently reading the Holy Scriptures, both individually and in the collective capacity of of families, has again claimed our serious and [illegible] earnestly and tenderly entreated that when so assembled they should not be ashamed to bow the knee in prayer, when their minds are clothed with the spirit of prayer.

We have thankfully and reverently to acknowledge that our Meeting is one of unusual interest and favour, is largely attended, especially by our younger members.

Although in viewing the state of society we are to mourn continued delinquencies amongst us, yet we are encouraged in believing that the Lord in his [illegible] most comforting evidence that there are among our younger members, that are seeking the pearl of great price, are becoming true converts to Christ, and are rejoicing in Him as their Saviour.

In tenderness we salute you as friends and brethren of a common and precious faith, and bid you affectionately farewell.

(Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey Cle

To New York Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

We salute you in the love of the Gospel, desiring that grace, mercy and peace may abound through God the Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Meeting, at this time, has been large, and through the several sittings thereof, we have been favored with a comforting evidence that the Blessed Head of the Church has condescended to be near and to overshadow us with His love, contriting our hearts together and raising renewed desires for the proper qualification to transact the important affairs that have come before us to his honor and praise.

Your acceptable Epistle of Fifth Month last, and similar testimonials of brotherly regard from other Yearly Meetings, have been received and read to our comfort and edification.

The day in which we live is an important period in the history of our beloved country. A civil war with all its horrors is upon us, and none can tell what are to be the consequences or what the end thereof. And we greatly desire that in this season of trouble and distress, when the judgments of the Lord are in the earth, we may know of [illegible] be moved, even Christ Jesus the Rock of Ages. How comforting in seasons of deep proving is the assurance that the name of the Lord is a strong tower into which the righteous may run and be safe.

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." This [illegible] prayer." One in which we can take no part in the contest and strife of the present day, and as we are careful to abide in this state before our Heavenly Father, may we not hope and trust that our petitions will be heard, that the Lord in his own time will arise and be jealous for his land and pity his people, and stay the further effusion of blood.

Our hearts have been drawn into near and tender sympathy with our dear young men, wherever situated, who are liable to be brought into suffering in consequence of the present laws of our land in regard to military requisitions. We desire for them that they may not be ashamed to acknowledge before men that they are the followers of the Prince of Peace — of Him who said, love your enemies. We crave for them that they may bear their sufferings patiently, if such should be their lot, remembering the promise, that those who suffer with their Lord shall reign with Him.

The condition of the refugees from Slavery has claimed and received the attention and sympathy of Friends in our Yearly Meeting, and much has been done for them by forwarding clothing and some articles of household goods, and in some instances money, for their help.

Our Meeting for Sufferings received through your Representative Meeting a minute in relation to this suffering class of our fellow men, together with the Report of your committee who visited them. Copies of this Minute and Report, with a minute of our Meeting for Sufferings annexed, encouraging our members to contribute for their relief, were forwarded to our subordinate Meetings. We were glad to hear of your movements for their help and wish you encouragement in the work, believing that the Divine blessing will attend the labor of those who are engaged in it.

By the Report of our Committee on Education it appears that an increasing concern is felt upon this subject and that the interest of Friends in the Establishment [illegible] support of those [illegible] [illegible] strengthening living men and women among us.

We have, at this time, had the company of our [illegible] number of our young friends, who give evidence that they are being prepared for usefulness in the Church. May these be encouraged to bow more entirely to the yoke of Christ, that when the fathers are removed, they may be qualified to fill their places.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.
Samuel Boyd Tobey – Clerk

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To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Baltimore

Dear Friends,

Your acceptable Epistle of Tenth Month last, with other testimonials of Christian fellowship from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, except North Carolina, has [illegible] of their communications has been comforting and refreshing to our spirits.

While thus permitted to assemble together in comparative quiet, and to feel that, through the mercy and loving kindness of our Heavenly Father, we are preserved from the near alarms of War, and the desolation that is spread over a part of the land, we have not been unmindful of our dear friends who are not thus favored, but who, by the permission of an allwise God, have been brought into the furnace of affliction, and are suffering many things in the maintenance of the peaceable testimonies of the Gospel which we are engaged to support – and our desires are fervent that those who are thus exercised may be [illegible] of the world.

And although He may, for wise purposes, withdraw some of the temporal blessings heretofore enjoyed, may we not humbly trust that, when the object is attained, when, through suffering, the standard of truth and righteousness has been held up to the view of unbelieving sinners, those who have been called to this service of affliction will, as they continue faithful, be purified and made perfect in every good work to do His will, and not only enjoy that peace which comes from patiently suffering for the dear Master's sake, but will be blessed with all needful temporal blessings by that unseen Potentate who ruleth in the kingdoms of men, who only is King of kings and Lord of lords — from whom all blessings flow, and by whom all things consist.

We live, dear friends, in an important day, when the faith of many Christian professors in the peaceable nature of the principles of our holy religion appears to be shaken, and we as a people left almost alone in the support of this important branch of Christian doctrine, And our feelings have been much drawn out, at this time, towards our younger members on this account, [illegible] support of these important testimonies in the hour of trial that may come upon them, and the language towards them has been — "be still and put your trust in God."

Our meeting at this time has been larger than usual, and we can say with reverent thankfulness that the blessed covering of the Holy Spirit of our God has been witnessed to be over us in no common degree. Many of our young people have shown an awakened interest in the love of Jesus, and the hearts of the fathers have been increasingly turned to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers: and a willingness to occupy the talents bestowed to the honor of God, and the promotion of his blessed cause in the earth, has, we thankfully believe, been apparent among us.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel [illegible] Boyd [illegible] Clerk

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,
We have been permitted through divine favor to meet once more in this our annual assembly, and enabled to transact the business of the Meeting in much harmony and brotherly love.

Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which [illegible] read and are to our comfort and Edification.

Another year has passed away, and no Epistle from you, dear friends, has come to hand, which we deeply regret, but feel assured the cause is not on your part, but from the deranged state of Correspondence in consequence of the war raging within your borders.

[illegible]

Lord and tenderly sympathize with you in all your trials, [illegible] month next.

Beloved brethren, the time seems long since our religious intercourse has been interrupted by the dreadful scourge of war, yet frequent and fervent have been the breathings of our spirits for your preservation and confiding trust in the Prince of Peace, which in His time will show who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords. May it not be said of the remnant now left in the land of your fathers, as the Patriarch said in his day of trial, "Few [illegible] been, and have not attained unto the days [illegible] the language of the Psalmist also applicable, "From the ends of the earth will I cry unto thee when my heart is overwhelmed, for thou hast been a shelter to me and a strong tower from the enemy. Be merciful unto me, O God, for man would swallow me up, he fighting daily, oppresseth me, mine enemies would swallow me up, for they

[illegible]
What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee."

Our trials seem gathering around us, in this land, — may the God of mercy, before whom the nations are as nothing, hasten the day when our beloved country will be at peace, and learn war no more.

Brethren, let us continue to pray for each other, and in the shadow of His wing may we make our refuge until these calamities be overpast. Now the God of peace that brought from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work, to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ to whom be glory for ever and ever, Amen.

With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and in behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

## To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends,

Your acceptable Epistle of last year has been received and read at this time, together with similar testimonials of brotherly regard from our friends in London and Dublin — also from all the Yearly Meetings of Friends in this country, with which we hold correspondence, except North Carolina, [illegible] raging amongst us. We dear Friends, in the day of your affliction and sorrow growing out of the unhappy state of things in your midst, did truly feel with you, and now that it hath pleased the Lord to deliver [illegible] many of your close trials and sufferings, we rejoice with you! Oh! what gratitude is due, when the Righteous is called for from all the land, children [illegible] He heard their cry and came down and delivered them. Now, dear friends, [illegible] earnest endeavours so to believe in Him, as to walk in the light of His countenance, that casting our own care upon Him, in true and living faith, who careth for all his dear children, that when it shall come for us to give an account of our stewardship we may render it with joy — then shall we hear the voice of our risen and glorified Saviour, "Come ye blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world!"

We believe and do feel constrained to acknowledge that this has been a season of renewed favour to many — that very many of the fathers in the church of ... who were bowed down under the weight of many discouragements and sorrows have been lifted up and refreshed and enabled to return to their homes with an increase of faith in the Saviour, and in his continued care for His Church. The young men, too, have been strengthened and invigorated to fight the good fight of faith, not in their own might and wisdom, but by the Spirit of the Lord their Redeemer. The poor too, as we believe, have been cared for by Him who said — "Suffer little children to come unto me for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

In closing this Epistle to you, dear friends, we are engaged to exhort you to hold the profession of your faith without wavering — firm unto the end, so that we may be enabled to say, as Peter said — "Lord unto whom shall we go, thou hast the words of eternal life."

It is a time of great commotion and strife in our land, but let us remember that the Lord reigns — and may He be pleased altogether to be gracious to His children, and in His own time will say — "Thus far shalt thou come, and here let thy proud waves be stayed."

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all, Amen.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey — Clerk

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends,

Dear Friends,

The Lord has in great mercy permitted us to meet again in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, for the purpose of transacting the affairs of the Church. Our hearts we trust have been humbled in His presence in remembrance of the many blessings which in His love, He has been pleased to grant unto this part of his heritage.

You have been brought, dear friends, very near to us at this time in reading your acceptable Epistle of Sixth Month last and similar communications from other Yearly Meetings, and we have been renewedly introduced into near sympathy and unity with our dear brethren in our situation.

On reading the Queries and Answers, bringing under consideration the state of Society, showing many deficiencies, especially in the Christian duty of attending our religious meetings, many concerned Friends were earnestly engaged in handing forth tender counsel, encouraging Friends to more faithfulness and thereby promoting the cause of our Redeemer, who through His abundant mercy has sustained His Church and people.

We have had, at this time, the acceptable company of [illegible] Meetings, whose company has been truly acceptable, [illegible] we trust, of the great love of our Heavenly Father thus remembering us.

Our Committee on education met [illegible] concern for the rising generation in our Society, that they may be partakers of the knowledge contained in the inspired volumes which make wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, as whom we believe must depend to fill the places of their fathers, and bear the burdens which they have borne in the heat of the day, in laboring to promote the honor of Truth.

We are feelingly touched at this time in reviewing the vacant seats of several honored pillars of the Church, in remembering that we shall behold them on earth no more forever, but we rejoice in the [illegible] to the mercy and that their spirits have joined that innumerable company whose robes have been washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb.

The unhappy state of our country has, at this time, claimed our anxious and solemn consideration. A number of our young men have in this day of excitement, through a want of due watchfulness unto prayer, enlisted in the army, and fervent have been our supplications to our Father in Heaven, to spare them, and in His matchless love and mercy [illegible].

Much sympathy has been expressed for parents whose hearts are bleeding and whose sons are only known to Him who is our ever merciful Father in Heaven.

We have been exhorted to hold fast our profession and maintain our Christian testimony against all wars, and in this day of trial not to cast away our confidence in God — ever remembering that He has promised to be with all those who come to Him with a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

Our meeting has been large, including many [illegible] rejoice that they have been and [illegible] the prosperity of the Church [illegible] Meeting, and are being qualified for to labour in His vineyard.

Brethren, be ye faithful in the Lord, be perfect [illegible] and thou shalt inherit the eternal crown of glory — Farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey — Clerk

To Western Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

We salute you, dear friends, as brethren beloved, and, in a fresh sense of the mercy and goodness of the Heavenly Father, which in the [illegible] of abounding benignity has been manifested to us, we crave your advancement with our own in the pathway of holiness, and bid you God speed.

It is cause of earnest thankfulness in this time of commotion and civil strife in some parts of our land, that we are permitted to meet in safety and quiet, and in numbers larger than usual, to order the various concerns of the Church which have claimed our attention, in harmony and love; to confer in this way with our dear absent brethren; to write to you of the common salvation, and also in view of the deep and varied trials incident to the present condition of our beloved country, to commend you for safety, with our own souls, to the only sure refuge — the strong hold of the daughter of Zion.

In times like these the importance and the preciousness of our belief in the peaceable nature of the kingdom of Christ, and of our testimony against all war, is abundantly confirmed to the followers of the Prince of peace, who realize the wide distinction between the mere assent of the understanding to the doctrine of the unlawfulness of a resort to carnal weapons, and that blessed experience of the establishment in their own hearts of the reign of Messiah — whose kingdom is not of this world — and by which, under the Gospel, the very spirit that leads to war is brought into subjection and restrained. And what, beloved brethren, shall harm us in this season of outward shaking if we be followers of that which is good? Trials and deep provings may be the lot of many — [illegible] escape them? but as they endeavor trustingly to abide under the shadow of the Almighty, the secret place of the Most High will more and more become their dwelling, safely sheltered in the hollow of his hand.

We notice with interest your efforts for the education and religious training of the large number of the youth among your homes, may the [illegible] [illegible] your hands. The cause is near to many among us, and our Committee upon the interesting subject and in [illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible] and First day Schools, have presented an encouraging report.

And now, beloved friends, whatever may be our personal trials, whatever of suffering may be yet before us, in our vicissitudes, how sweet is the privilege of prayer. May our addresses ever ascend with confidence by the faith of our Divine Intercessor, may it be the clothing of our spirits. And may our God supply all our needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

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To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

As [illegible] you were assembled for the first time as a Yearly Meeting, we regard it a privilege of Christian brotherhood that we can desire for you in this relationship "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit."

In assuming the responsibilities of a Yearly Meeting, our sympathies are with you. With the great and weighty care and oversight of the things of Christ in His Church, our sufficiency is found alone in Him. But, as His care is over us, and His hand upon us, can we be made serviceable in his cause.

The principle of His rule in the early Christian Church, and which was recognized in the counsels of the Apostles at Jerusalem, is given us in the words "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us". The will of the Lord was the law of His people, at once stepping over all their varied principles of decision, no man's preferences, no preconceived opinions, disturbed their deliberations, or swayed their judgment — the things [illegible] the Spirit [illegible] good for them, and upon the Churches, for whom they judged the [illegible] they were [illegible] [illegible].

I thank God — said a worthy elder, [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] more the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] different occasions, than all human forethought and calculation [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. So far as we have been kept, this grace has furnished us, and for it we have cause to bless His name, and in the fellowship of the Spirit we greet you as brethren.

Our Yearly Meeting has been more largely attended this year, than for several years past, and in the transaction of the important concerns claiming our attention, we have been favored, as we trust, to [illegible] to experience the overshadowing of the wing of Heavenly Goodness, very graciously and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to us.

While many, whom we have as dear fathers in the Church us, and whose wise counsels and upright [illegible] have gone, as we trust, to "join the just of all generations", we thankfully record the mercy of God in the evidence manifested, that He [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] up and brought them forth to fill the vacancies. Many of our dear young men present at this time have given evidence of love to our Lord through Jesus Christ, and they have manifested much interest in the welfare and promotion of the good cause.

It is a time of much stirring and commotion in our country. And many are the devices of the devil to draw away the disciples of the Holy Redeemer from their allegiance and steadfastness unto Him, the only true Head and Bishop of Souls.

May we and you, dear friends, know of patiently [illegible] and watching [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and so each esteeming others better than himself, and preserved in holy fear — the rich blessing of knowing that "One is our Master, even Christ" may be realized.

And, finally, very fervently do we desire that the love of God may so abound in the hearts of all, that the badge of true discipleship may be more and more conspicuous amongst us as a people.

With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship, at Newport and Portsmouth, on First Day the 12th, and for discipline, at Newport, on Second day morning, the 13th of 6th Month, 1864.

By the Reports from the Quarterly Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From Rhode Island — Perez Peck, David Buffum,
Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Gifford, Gilbert
Congdon, [illegible] [illegible], Thomas H.
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible].
From [illegible] — Nathan Breed of Lynn, Samuel [illegible],
Stephen A. Chase, Newell Ordway, John
Paige, Daniel Beede, Micajah C. Pratt,
Ephraim Leighton, and Moses Huntington.
From Sandwich — Rufus Sherman, William C. Taber,
Joseph King, David Kelley, David K. Akin,
Moses Smith, Nathaniel Gifford, and
Henry T. Wood.
From Falmouth — Nathan Douglass, Henry M.
[illegible], Joseph [illegible], John [illegible],
George Douglass, Stephen [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible], Abram Winslow, and Stephen [illegible].
From Smithfield — [illegible] [illegible], Samuel [illegible],
John Barnes, John Milton Earle, Richard
Battey, and [illegible] [illegible].
From Salem — John D. Lang, Thomas [illegible],
Samuel [illegible], Joseph [illegible], Philip [illegible],
William A. Simpson, Stephen Jones, Timothy
[illegible], and [illegible] [illegible].
From Dover — Jesse Roberts, Isaac Varney, Cyrus Bangs,
and Oliver [illegible].
From Fairfield — William [illegible], Daniel Page, [illegible] [illegible],
Charles M. Bailey, Moses Bailey, and Reuben
T. Jones.
Which names being called, they were all present.

Having at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend, David Hunt, of Honey Creek Monthly Meeting, Iowa; Enos G. Pray, of Milford Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Jonathan Devoll, of Moreau Monthly Meeting, New York; Cornelius Douglass, of Dover Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Aaron L. Benedict, of Alum Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio; William Jenkins, of Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio; Rebecca Collins, of New York Monthly Meeting; Elizabeth L. Comstock, of Rollin Monthly Meeting, State of Michigan; Sarah M. Hiatt, of [illegible] Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Eliza Brown, of West Lake Monthly Meeting, Canada West; Sarah Ann Linton, of [illegible] Monthly Meeting, Indiana; and Ruth C. Hall, of Farmington Monthly Meeting, New York Yearly Meeting: satisfactory certificates from their several Meetings expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements, were read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friend Mary Ann Devoll accompanying her husband, our friend Jonathan Devoll; Margaret Hunt companion to our friend Sarah M. Hiatt; Lucinda Kidder, companion to our friend Sarah Ann Linton; and of our friend Stephen Wood, of Chappaqua Monthly Meeting, New York. Satisfactory credentials expressive of unity with them as Elders, and with their present engagements, were received from their several Meetings.

We have likewise with us our dear friends Calvin Crane and Deborah P. Crane, accompanying our friend Elizabeth L. Comstock; Elisha H. Purington and Naomi E. Purington, companions to our friend Ruth C. Hall; Elijah Haworth, companion to our friend Cornelius Douglass; and Homer Betts, assistant companion to our friends Sarah M. Hiatt and Margaret Hunt: and satisfactory testimonials have been received expressive of unity with them as members, and with their present engagements.

We have received and read at this time, the general Epistle of our brethren of the Yearly

Meeting of London held last year, and we have felt it to be a very instructive and edifying Epistle, truly acceptable to us, and we desire to commend it to the careful attention of all our members; and our friends William A. Robinson and Henry T. Wood are appointed to place in the hands of the Representatives now in attendance of this Meeting, the usual proportions of 3500 copies, to be forwarded to our several subordinate Meetings and distributed among the families of friends.

Acceptable Epistles from our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Western and Iowa have now been received and are interesting and comforting to us. As has been the case for several years past, owing to the difficulty of communication between them and us in the present state of the country, we have received no Epistle from our beloved brethren of North Carolina, but they are remembered by us with deep interest and sympathy, with desires that the protecting arm of the blessed Saviour may be round about them, and that His presence may comfort them in this hour of trial. We appoint the following friends to prepare essays of Epistles to those several Meetings as way may open for it, and present them to a future sitting, viz: Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Boyce, Moses H. Beede, John D. Lang, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase, William C. Taber, Henry T. Wood, John Page, James Van Blarcom, Thomas B. Nichols, William [illegible], David K. [illegible], John Milton Earle, Eli Jones, Charles R. Tucker, Sewell Hoxie, Joseph Hoag, Henry W. [illegible], Daniel Beede, Obadiah Chase, William A. Sampson, Gilbert Congdon, Isaac R. Gifford, Stephen Jones, William A. Robinson, Samuel Gifford, Alden Sampson, Joseph Cartland of North Providence, Jonathan L. Slocum, John Barnes, Samuel Austin, and Nathan Douglass.

All the Quarterly Meetings inform that they have paid, or directed to be paid to our Treasurer, the amount of stock called for last year; and we appoint our friends Thomas Harkness, Micajah C. Butt, William

Coffin, Henry W. Barrett, Timothy B. Earle, Samuel Foster, Tobias Meader, and Moses Bailey, to audit the Treasurer's account, and to propose a suitable sum for the use of this Meeting the present year, and the name of a friend for Treasurer.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that Rachel B. Holder, an Elder and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 24th of 3d month last, aged 54 years and 8 months, and that William Rogers Jr, an Elder and member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, died on the 5th of 9th month 1883, aged 77 years, 21 days.

Sandwich reports that Rachel Swain, an Elder and member of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, deceased 9th month 4th, 1883, aged 91 years 8 months and 8 days, and that Lydia Hussey, a Minister and member of the same Monthly Meeting, departed this life 2d month 18th, 1884, aged 84 years and 11 months.

Falmouth informs that Thomas Jones, a Minister and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, died the 7th of 1st month, 1884, aged 93 years and 8 months.

Smithfield reports that Joel Marsh, an Elder and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, deceased, the 12th of 12th month, 1883, aged 86 years and 7 months.

Vassalboro reports that it has united with Unity Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Martha Austin, with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in a similar recognition and approval of Lucy G. Whitehouse, and also with China Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Peace Jones, and in the appointment of Lois Varney to the station of Elder. Sophia Mower, an Elder and member of Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting, deceased, 5th of 10th month, 1883, aged 84 years, and Jonathan Estes, an Elder and member of China Monthly Meeting, deceased, 30th of

1st month, 1864, aged 83 years and 10 months.

From Dover we learn that Sarah B. Roberts, a Minister and member of Dover Monthly Meeting, departed this life 4th of 10th month, 1863, aged 67 years 7 months and 20 days.

Fairfield reports that it has united with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in the acknowledgment of Deborah [illegible] and Prudence [illegible] Moore to the station of Elder; that [illegible], a Minister and member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, died 9th month 28th, 1863, aged 49 years 6 months 4 days; that Betsey Bailey, an Elder and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 1st month 26th, 1864, aged 86 years 3 months and 24 days; and that Patience D. Swan, a Minister and also a member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, died 2nd month 17th, 1864, aged 58 years 1 month 25 days.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met according to adjournment.

Stephen A. Chase, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they had held a meeting on the subject of Clerks, and had united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and Charles R. Tucker for Assistant Clerk of this Meeting, for the year ensuing, which being approved, they are appointed accordingly.

The Records of this Meeting of last year were now read.

The Committee having charge of our Boarding School presented the subjoined Report which is interesting and satisfactory to the Meeting, and their conclusions are confirmed.

"To the Yearly Meeting:
Dear Friends: The Committee appointed to

depart and be with Christ is far better."

His conflict of spirit was very great, occasioned by the consciousness, that notwithstanding he had been honorably engaged to discharge his social and relative duties, that the strength of his days had not been sufficiently devoted to loving and serving such a gracious Friend: — to us a solemn warning to strive that our day's work may be done in the day time. We sympathize with his afflicted relatives and friends, desiring that they may be favored to draw near to the Father of mercies and "God of all comfort."

These dispensations of Divine Providence, solemn to all, were, we hope, especially blessed to some, in the awakening to newness of life.

By the Report of the Committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole expence, for the past year, has exceeded the amount received from all sources, about twelve hundred dollars. This deficiency has been occasioned by the greatly enhanced cost of all the supplies for the School. This subject had claimed our attention for some time past, but at our Meeting in the Second Month it was concluded that the interests of the School imperiously required of us to apply to the Meeting for Sufferings for its sanction of the following advance in the rates of admission, to take effect at the Commencement of the Summer Term, — which was approved of by that Meeting, and the prices, thus altered, will be as follows: $55. per term for members of this Yearly Meeting; $50. per term for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expence of such members; and $125. for any others who may be admitted. An additional charge of $5. continues to be made for Latin and Greek, French, German or Drawing. Although the cost of provisions has largely advanced since that time, we hope, with the continuation of the prudent management of our Principals, that the increased rates may sustain the School without incurring a debt.

In conclusion we would reverently and gratefully acknowledge the continued mercies of Him, our gracious Care Taker and Head, who alone can prosper the work of our hands.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the School Committee.

Gilbert Congdon, Clerk.

Providence, 5th Mo., 10th, 1864.

Note. – Summer Term of 1864 closes, 9th Mo. 28th, 1864.
Winter Term opens, 11th Mo., 2d, 1864.
Summer Term opens, 5th Mo., 3d, 1865.

## Regulations of the School Committee.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, in season to be laid before the committee at their meetings held in the third and ninth months. At these meetings, applications for members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the "charitable fund," or of "the Brook Metcalf donation" will also be determined at the times above specified, and in all these cases, information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the committee in deciding upon them.

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that all the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a we hope for in the world to come. It cannot be that any rational being, if the fear and love of God were upon his heart, would refuse or neglect to render unto Him the service He requires — even the simple and reasonable service of assembling together to pay unto Him the tribute of worship and praise. The prophet of old bewailed the want of a proper consideration by the people, in that day, of their relation to God, showing, in the contrast, that even the beasts that perish remember the source from whence their needful supplies come — "The ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib; but Israel doth not know — my people do not consider." Again and again, at our annual meetings have we mourned over this condition of our dear Society, when it is evident so many of its members "forsake the assembling of themselves together," and earnest has been the concern of this Meeting to awaken our beloved friends to a sense of their duty in this respect. We are all debtors unto God; we can confer nothing upon Him. It is only as humble suppliants we can come before Him, and it is of His sovereign Grace that we are permitted to draw near unto Him and availingly to plead for His blessings. Shall we refuse to come? Shall we stand afar off and strive to live without Him in the world? Shall we neglect the salvation of Him who hath promised to be with those who are gathered together in His name? Deep is our engagement that all our meetings for the worship of God should be held in His name and power — not only on the day which, by common consent, is not devoted to secular purposes, but also when some sacrifice of a temporal kind may be involved. Let us go to these meetings, not to hear preaching — not to be instructed by our fellow-men — (though we acknowledge the preciousness of instrumental means and that we thus are often taught and edified,) but let us come together to meet Christ in the fulfillment of His blessed promise to be in the midst of those met in His name; and sitting at His feet, let us hear His gracious words. Friends, you who neglect these meetings, while your absence pains your brethren, inflict the chief injury upon yourselves; you fail to receive that bread and water which are essential to your life. Let none seek to excuse themselves by saying that these are lifeless and dull seasons; to his own Master each must stand or fall; the failings of our brethren will avail nothing for us. It is undoubtedly, lamentably true, that we may be very punctual in our formal attendance of our religious meetings and yet derive therefrom no spiritual benefit. We must ever remember that we are mocking Him by performing a worship when in our hearts we forget the presence of God; or when our thoughts wander far from Him, not remembering that He knows the engagement of every spirit and in whose honor it is to wait upon and serve him. Let none of us forget the duties we owe to our younger friends and to our own dear children; let us pray for them; let us be engaged to lure them unto Christ; to attract them to the place of worship — to the house of prayer. Let us take them by the hand in tender love, and show them the blessedness of waiting upon God. The falling tear, the silent or the vocal prayer on their behalf may reach their tender spirits and be blessed of Heaven.

If we love God supremely, if we keep the first and great commandment, we shall not fail to observe the second. He that does not love his neighbor — he that speaks evil of his brother, or is willing to detract from his good name or standing, may be assured that his own heart is not filled with love to God. There will be no want of love and unity among brethren if we fully love Him who created both them and us and for whom Christ alike shed his precious blood. As Christians we cannot for a moment permit malice to rest in our hearts one towards another. Forgiveness of injuries real or supposed is a duty entirely incumbent upon every one of us: we pray for forgiveness of our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, — "Forgive ye one another as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." If we are true Christians, we are ourselves as pardoned sinners, and must have forgiven all who have trespassed against us and be engaged to pray for them.

Affectionately do we exhort parents daily to assemble their families, reverently to read the Scriptures of Truth which make wise unto salvation, through faith in Christ Jesus, and to wait upon our God — humbly and in true simplicity bending ourselves and our loved ones unto Him for preservation, and for

His blessing; and He will not fail to see, to hear and to pity.

The answer to the 7th query shows that in this time of trial and close-proving, our ancient and Christian testimony against all war has not been fully maintained. The exceptions, however, to faithfulness in this respect are, comparatively but few; and while thankfulness is felt that this is so, we are very desirous of impressing upon every one of our members a just sense of the importance of this testimony, especially at the present day. Let not a mistaken view of true patriotism lead any to engage in any military requirement. We love our country, — we honor those in authority and feel truly grateful for their kind regard to our petitions for the enjoyment of liberty of conscience; but our allegiance to the King of kings is paramount to all other considerations. Let all, so far as may be possible, keep out of all the excitements now so abundant in our land. Let us be sober and prayerful — trusting in the Lord, and remembering that they are the best citizens of earth whose citizenship is in Heaven.

The subject of the revision of our Discipline, proposed by Salem Quarterly Meeting to our last Yearly Meeting and referred for consideration to our meeting at this time, having been solidly considered, it is our united judgment that the subject be further referred for consideration to our next Yearly Meeting.

We have had at this meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friend Eliza K. Varney, companion to our friend Eliza Brown; Ruth S. Benedict, accompanying her husband Reuben L. Benedict; and Phebe K. Douglass, accompanying her husband Robert Douglas. Satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings were read, expressive of unity with them as members, and with their present engagements.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fourth day morning, the 15th, the meeting again convened. Representatives present except one, whose absence is occasioned by indisposition.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings, for the past year were laid before us and read, and the proceedings of that meeting in relation to the very important subjects that have claimed its attention and its faithful discharge of the arduous duties devolving upon it, are fully approved and appreciated by this meeting, as manifested by a very full expression — our young men giving clear evidence of their feelings of gratitude for the care and sympathy extended towards them by their elder brethren.

Our friends Stephen A. Chase, David Buffum, Gilbert Congdon, William [illegible], Joseph [illegible], John D. Lang, Perez Peck, Joseph [illegible] of North Providence, Alden Sampson, Reuben T. Jones, Edward Earle, Joseph [illegible] of Brunswick, [illegible] and John [illegible] Earle are appointed to produce to a future sitting the names of suitable friends to compose a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — met by adjournment.

The Committee appointed yesterday to examine a communication addressed to this meeting by an individual, report in favor of its being read. This paper comes from William Hussey who states that he has not had a hearing by Dover Quarterly Meeting on his appeal from the judgment of Berwick Monthly Meeting, disowning him as a member of our religious Society; and it appearing that there has been some irregularity in the proceedings in this case, this meeting directs that his appeal be heard by Dover Quarterly Meeting, according to discipline, and the Clerk is directed to furnish that meeting with a copy of this minute.

The Committee on Correspondence is requested to prepare suitable minutes to be presented at our next sitting, for Friends now in attendance of this meeting from other Yearly Meetings.

The Committee of this meeting, continued last year, presented the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:—

The Committee continued under appointment last year to labor on behalf of the Yearly Meeting with Meetings and individuals, for the restoration of love and unity, and the support of good order, report: that they have given attention to their appointment and extended such advice as they believed would tend to promote the best interests of the Society.

The case of the appeal of an individual from the judgment of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting confirming the decision of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, which was brought to the attention of the Yearly Meeting in 1861, has from time to time claimed our attention and care. The appellant in the case referred to has expressed his entire consent and acquiescence in such disposal of the case, as, in the judgment of Friends, will best promote his own best interests, and best subserve the cause of truth. We are united in judgment, after carefully weighing the case, that the best course will be for the Yearly Meeting to take no further action therein.

We believe that there are circumstances existing within our limits which make it proper for the Yearly Meeting to continue its care, by a Committee, for the purpose for which we were appointed.

Which we submit to the Yearly Meeting.

Isaac E. Gifford,
Stephen R. Chase,
John D. Lang,
Samuel Boyce,
Sewell Hoxie,
Samuel Boyd Tobey,
Charles R. Tucker,
Gilbert Congdon.
John Paige.

Newport, 6th month 14th, 1864."

And in accordance with the recommendation contained in the report, this Meeting now discontinues any further consideration of the case of the appellant brought to this Meeting in 1861. And under a fervent desire for the restoration of true love and unity, and the healing of any wisdom that shall direct in these movements, the Committee now under appointment is continued and desired to labor, as way may open for it, on our behalf for the purposes indicated — to report to this Meeting next year.

The Committee on education presented a Report which was necessarily imperfect in consequence of several Monthly Meetings having failed to make returns to the Committee. This Meeting earnestly urges the subordinate Meetings to attend to the recommendations heretofore made by this Meeting: and we desire the encouragement of our Committee on this interesting concern, — who are continued under appointment and requested to report next year.

[Committee.— Joseph F. [illegible], Thomas B. Gould, Samuel Austin, Albert H. Collins, Daniel Gifford, Nathan Breed of Weare, John H. Crossman, Robert L. Brown, Edward W. Cross, Stephen T. Shepherd, Matthew Purinton, Isaac E. Potter, Edwin Davis, Charles Fisher, Isaac Stone, Nathan Babcock, Timothy B. Earle, George [illegible], Henry M. Bennett, Matthew Pope, Silas H. Chatland, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, Amos D. Purinton, Albert C. Buffum, George Varney, George Richardson, Levi Jones, and Joseph S. Hawkes.

Women's Committee:— Cynthia Brown, Gulielma [illegible], Elizabeth A. Congdon, Mary B. Collins, Nancy [illegible], Lydia P. Chase, Elizabeth Page, Mary S. Cook, Elizabeth C. King, Ruth A. Shepherd, Lydia Brown, Huldah B. Gifford, Rebecca A. Church, Susan Fisher, Abigail S. Hodges, Lydia B. Dow, Abigail Wheeler, Jane C. Bennett, Salome J. Goddard, Lydia M. Pope, Anna H. Chatland, Rachel B. Nichols, Sybil Jones, Julia H. Bennett, Phebe H. Meader, Eliza P. Varney, Sarah King, Hannah R. King, Mary J. Page, and Deborah W. Hawkes.]

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's account and for other purposes, made the following Report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:—

The Committee to settle

the Treasurer's account, &c., report that they have attended to their appointment, and find a balance due the Treasurer of sixteen hundred sixty five dollars and sixty five cents, and propose that three thousand dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting, and David Buffum for Treasurer.

Thomas Harkness,
For the Committee.

Newport, 6th month 15th, 1864."

Which is satisfactory to us, and the Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their several quotas of three thousand dollars, and forward the same to our friend David Buffum, whom we re-appoint Treasurer.

The Committee for that purpose propose the names of the following Friends to constitute a Committee for the care of our Boarding School, who being satisfactory, they are appointed accordingly and requested to co-operate with a similar Committee of the Women's Meeting in the superintendence of the school, and to report to this meeting next year.

[Committee.— Samuel [illegible] Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Austin, Charles R. Tucker, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase, William A. Robinson, John D. Lang, Alden Sampson.]

The Committee on our concern for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians made the subjoined report, which is acceptable and approved by us, and the Committee is continued under appointment and encouraged to give attention to this interesting concern, that these tribes may feel that we still regard them and are disposed to do them good.

"To the Yearly Meeting:—

The Committee on the ancient concern of this Meeting for the encouragement and improvement of the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot Indians, report that while we have not been unmindful of the object of our appointment, way has not opened during the past year for much active service, further than to confer with a few of their members, and also with their Representatives while in attendance of the Legislature at the Capitol of the State of Maine - They appeared better satisfied with the action of the authorities, and had fewer grievances to complain of than usual - We think they continue slowly to improve in their condition - Schools have been continued a portion of the year among both tribes - The sum $50. appropriated last year has not yet been drawn; we would recommend its being left under the care of a Committee and that the Yearly Meeting continue its care for the Indians

On behalf of the Committee,

Stephen Jones,
James Van Blarcom.

Newport, 15th 6th month, 1864."

[Committee — John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Nathan Douglass, Allen Wing, Caleb Nichols, Samuel Taylor, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, [illegible], James Van Blarcom, George Richardson and Joseph Estes.]

Having, at different sessions of this Meeting, been introduced into much feeling interest on account of those now being relieved from the bondage of slavery; and the subject now being freshly brought before us, while we have been comforted by the report of the Meeting for Sufferings, showing that there have been liberal donations by members of this Meeting very generally, during the past year for their relief, yet believing that more efficient aid may be extended to these poor people, for whom we feel deep sympathy while in their needs, by a definite organization, we appoint the following Friends residing in our several Quarterly Meetings, to act as a Committee on our behalf, and they are requested to adopt such measures as they may deem best adapted to carry into effect the concern of this Meeting, viz:

Albert Congdon, George Bowen, Joseph Cartland, of North Providence, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Isaac Huntington, [illegible], Samuel Rodman, William C. Taber, Stephen Dillingham, [illegible], Oliver Robinson, Henry M. [illegible], Edward Earle, Richard Battey, Timothy K. Earle, Samuel Foster, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Amos D. Purinton, Timothy B. Hussey, Stephen Breck, Allen [illegible], Charles M. Bailey, William Farr, Ezekiel Varney, Jr., Samuel Boyce, William [illegible] Smith, William Chace, Charles F. Coffin, James Cartland, [illegible] Tabor, Joshua Douglass, [illegible] Wood, Jonathan [illegible] Slocum, [illegible] Peck, Timothy Dow and Samuel Gifford.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon, the 16th, the Meeting again convened pursuant to adjournment.
Representatives present as yesterday.

[illegible] Yearly Meeting informs that Durham Monthly Meeting proposes the appointment of Nathan Douglas, as correspondent of that Meeting, in place of Thomas Jones, deceased, with which this Meeting unites: address South Durham, Maine.

By the Epistle from New York we are informed that Henry Ryder has been appointed correspondent of Cornwall Monthly Meeting, in place of James T. Green, deceased; address Cornwall, Orange Co., N.Y.; and David Bell, correspondent of Rochester Monthly Meeting, in place of [illegible] Bell deceased; address Rochester, Monroe Co., N.Y.

Iowa Yearly Meeting informs that the correspondents of that Meeting are Daniel Fry, address Oskaloosa, Mahaska Co., Iowa; Willet Dorland, Salem, Henry Co., Iowa; [illegible] Street, Hesper, Winneshiek Co., Iowa; William E. Andrews, New Providence, Hardin Co., Iowa.
The newly appointed Monthly Meeting correspondents are for Minneapolis Monthly Meeting — William R. Smith; address Minneapolis, Minnesota.
For Baraboo Monthly Meeting, Solomon Cook, [illegible], Sauk Co., Wisconsin.
For Centre Monthly Meeting, John Pickering,

Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa.

The Committee to attend to the distribution of a reprint of 3500 copies of the London General Epistle, report that the service has been attended to, and that they are ready to be received by the Representatives.

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friend David Hunt, and similar ones for our friends Enos G. Bray, Jonathan Devoll, Cornelius Douglass, Aaron L. Benedict, William Jenkins, Rebecca Collins, Elizabeth L. Comstock, Sarah M. Smith, Eliza [illegible], [illegible] Linton and Ruth C. Hill, viz:

"Our beloved friend David Hunt, attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Stephen Wood and similar ones for our friends [illegible] Devoll, Margaret Hunt, Lucinda Hadley, Calvin Crane, Deborah P. Crane, Phebe H. Pennington, Naomi E. Pennington, [illegible], [illegible], Eliza H. Barnes, Phebe H. Benedict and Ruth A. Douglass, viz:

"Our beloved friend Stephen Wood attended this Meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

The Committee for the purpose propose the names of the following friends to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year—which, being satisfactory to this Meeting, they are appointed accordingly, and requested to act on our behalf in relation to any subject that may claim their attention according to discipline and usage of that Meeting, and report to this Meeting next year, viz:

David Buffum, Perez Peck, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel [illegible], John T. [illegible], Samuel Boyce, Joseph Tabor of

# Epistles.

From New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Rhode Island in the 6th Month 186[illegible].

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London.

Dear Friends.

Your truly acceptable epistle of the present year is received and we are comforted and strengthened by it. You enter into sympathy with us under the troubled state in which we are involved and assure us of your prayers. These are precious to us and we trust need much.

You speak of the sufferings in our land in consequence of the fearful and desolating civil war. Truly its horrors cannot be fully told nor its ravages and destruction adequately portrayed. The wails of the widows and the orphans - the cries of fathers and sisters are heard in all parts of our land - Lamentation and the voice of mourning - and the pathetic appeal arises, Lord! how long - When shall the sword be stayed! - Amid all these trials we desire to put our whole trust in the Lord, who can still the angry passions of men and cause even his wrath to praise Him. You will be comforted with the assurance that with comparatively few exceptions our young men have maintained our ancient and vital testimony to the peaceable nature of the Christian religion, and our unwavering belief that all war is forbidden in the Gospel. A few of them have endured some suffering, but in the main the authorities of the general Government have practically given evidence of a strong desire to deal leniently and kindly with all who for conscience sake cannot comply with any military requirement.

Our concern is very deep that all our members may be kept in the safe pavilion - free from the strife of tongues - out of all the manifold excitements of the present day. This is a time when the eyes of the world are specially fastened upon us and we crave that it may be made manifest that our trust is in the Lord.

It is now believed that the wicked system of Slavery against which we have so long testified will soon cease to disgrace our country, and while we may rejoice in this confidence we can but be saddened in reflecting that Emancipation is effected through an awful baptism of blood. We are much concerned to do all that we can for the relief and instruction of those who are now passing from slavery to freedom, and are thankful in knowing that your [illegible] [illegible] for their woes and are contributing liberally for their benefit.

Our meeting at this time has been largely attended. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have [illegible] [illegible] the blessed Head of the Church to be graciously near, and true harmony and love have prevailed. The general Epistle from your meeting last year has been read, and a sufficient number reprinted to be placed in all our families, as is our usual practice. We believe these Epistles are blessed to many and we can feelingly acknowledge that at this time we have been strengthened and edified by it.

In Gospel love farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in [illegible]

Dear Friends.

[illegible] sittings at this time have been large, and the cementing influence of our Heavenly Father's love has pervaded many hearts from sitting to sitting.

Epistles from our brethren of other Yearly Meetings, including yours of the present year, have been read, to our comfort and edification.

[illegible] [illegible] of our feelings has [illegible] the lively sympathy manifested by our transatlantic brethren since it has been our lot to share in the trials attendant upon the fearful war still raging in our land. When His purposes who reigns supreme, shall have been accomplished in our chastisement, may consciences of men in the [illegible] of which God is the alone proper and infallible judge, who by His power and spirit can alone rectify the mistakes of conscience, and therefore hath reserved to himself the power of punishing the errors thereof as he sees meet."

"We desire that this noble testimony may be consistently borne by Friends in our day. Any compromise of this vital principle cannot but weaken our own hands, while it lessens our influence in the world.

"We gratefully acknowledge with you the appreciation by our own free government of the truth and value of the testimony of Friends on the rights of conscience, and earnestly desire that we as a people may be faithful herein, looking unto the Lord Jehovah for ability to support it, for in Him is everlasting strength.

In the present state of our afflicted country [illegible] to live up to his profession. Our religion is a religion of love and mercy to all. The example of our holy Head teaches to do good according to our opportunities to all, and we are concerned to invite Friends to liberality and to pity — to do good and to communicate.

"We are greatly blessed with the good things of this world. Many, it may be thousands, are suffering for help in this direction.

Friends in New England have done something for the freed people of color. They have begun a good work, and we trust they will persevere in it. That the blessing of those who are ready to perish may descend upon them. We feel deeply for our country. It is a time for prayer — earnest, effectual prayer to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ that in His mercy and through His dear Son, the hand of the destroyer may be stayed, our strife may cease, and peace once more dawn upon our unhappy land.

The Gospel of the grace of God through Jesus Christ our Lord is the great remedy for every grief, the great restorer of our fallen and guilty race. When believed in and obeyed, it preserves in life, it comfort in death, and in the end, the promise of eternal life.

Your Epistle of 5th month last is received and read, and this renewed token of your love is acceptable to us.

May the Lord in His mercy have you in His holy keeping — farewell.

In Gospel love we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.
Samuel Boyd Tobey — Clerk

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To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Baltimore.

Dear Friends.

Being again permitted to assemble for the purpose of transacting the important and weighty affairs of our religious society, we have been made deeply sensible of our inability, without the aid of that Divine overshadowing which helpeth our weaknesses, satisfactorily to conduct the business coming before us. Yet we gratefully acknowledge that through Divine favor we have been enabled in much harmony to accomplish the business which has from day to day claimed the consideration of this meeting.

We acknowledge your Christian love and fellowship in the receipt of your acceptable epistle of last year. This with epistles from other Yearly Meetings have been read in our meeting with interest and instruction. And we are thankful to inform you that an epistle has been received by our women friends from their sisters in North Carolina, which has been read in this meeting to our comfort, and the renewal of our sympathies for our suffering and isolated friends, earnestly desiring the continued protecting care of our Father in Heaven. Fervent also are our petitions to the Father of all our mercies, that the wicked rebellion which has been the cause of untold and inexpressible suffering and woe to the inhabitants of this land, may soon cease, and that "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

We have [illegible] the Legislature [illegible] [illegible] place, [illegible] but also to others, [illegible] the relations of [illegible] to the white population and to the governments under which they live. Nor have we been unmindful that it is our duty not only to pray for the speedy deliverance of the oppressed African, but for those in authority that they might be guided by wisdom from above in the discharge of their offices [illegible] dealing justly, "ruling in the fear of God." We rejoice with you that the bondmen, in your State at least, are about to enjoy the blessings of freedom, theirs by nature and the intention of a benevolent Creator.

The call for active benevolence on their behalf is indeed pressing, and efforts for their social, moral and spiritual improvement imperative.

May your educational efforts for them be crowned with success, and may your hearts be encouraged and hands strengthened by help in due season from friends in other sections of our land.

Our meeting has been introduced into a deep [illegible] concern on their account, and committees have been appointed in our Quarterly Meetings throughout this Yearly Meeting, for the purpose of [illegible] up channels through which we may have opportunities of contributing to their necessities in a regular and systematic manner.

May we all faithfully discharge our obligations to them, for whom, equally with ourselves, Christ died.

With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey — Clerk

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Brethren.

In the love of the Gospel we again salute you, and desire that He who holds the destinies of nations in His hand may preserve us in the fiery trial through which we are now passing, and in His own good time may He be pleased to say — it is enough.

Though we have again failed to receive any written token from these dear brethren, you have been brought very near to us in Christian regard and deep sympathy, and the petition has arisen from many hearts that we and you may remain steadfast, holding the profession of our faith without wavering, looking in child-like trust unto Him who can make even the wrath of man to praise Him, and who, according to His promise, can, in His own time, restrain the remainder of wrath.

We have to lament at this time that a few of those in profession with us, have been drawn into the strife that is now deluging our country with blood; but our Christian testimony to the peaceable character of the Gospel is we believe increasingly precious to us in this season of severe trial and suffering; and we feel truly thankful that so many among us have stood faithfully for the Law and the testimony, even at the cost in some cases, of personal suffering.

We have had with us this year several beloved brethren in the ministry from other Yearly Meetings on this Continent, whose labors of love in the Gospel have been refreshing and thankfulness to the Lord of the harvest has clothed our spirits that He has been pleased to send forth laborers among us.

We have felt afresh in this annual assembly that however widely separated or differently circumstanced the members of our portion of the Christian Church may be, we are truly one People, all professing the same precious Faith and animated by the same glorious hopes — suffering with each other in affliction and rejoicing with those who rejoice. In this feeling of oneness we salute you, and desire for you as for ourselves a growth in the Truth that we may increase in spiritual stature till we all become strong men in the Lord.

Our meeting this year has been large, and the precious unity and harmony that have marked our deliberations have been refreshing to our spirits; and we separate with the feeling that it has been good to be here. To the Lord alone be all the praise.

We are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

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## To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends.

Assembled as we now are in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting we have to acknowledge the continued mercy and goodness of the great Head of the Church, in that, notwithstanding our many weaknesses and short-comings, He has condescended to be near and to overshadow us with His love, under the influence of which we have been gathered together, and have known something of the sweetness of that fellowship in the Gospel which is the privilege of the true believers.

Our meeting has been large, and while we have been brought under a renewed sense of our own nothingness and sinfulness, as we stand by nature, we have been encouraged in the hope set forth in the blessed promises of the Gospel, the hope of salvation through a crucified Saviour.

We trust it has been a season of renewal of covenant with many, and that the humble and contrite in heart have been enabled to put on a little strength in the name of the Lord.

In the present sorrowful condition of our country, when one portion thereof is in rebellion against our Government and our hearts are pained in reflecting upon the distress and suffering which pervades our land, and when our allegiance to the peaceable nature of the Christian religion is put to the test, we desire that we may all know of being settled and grounded firmly upon the Rock of Ages. Christ Jesus - that no inducement may induce us to compromise in any way those principles and testimonies which have been committed to us to bear before the world. In these times of trial how encouraging is the declaration that the name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. We crave that we may abide in this place of safety. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

Watchfulness, humiliation and prayer have ever been the safeguards of the followers of the Prince of Peace.

It was under a deep sense of the efficacy thereof, that the Royal Psalmist put forth the fervent petition; "set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, keep the door of my lips."

In this state of watchfulness we shall see the need of avoiding all unprofitable discussion upon the exciting topics of the day - we shall be found bringing forth the fruits of the Spirit which are love, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost and shall be strengthened to hold up the standard of truth and righteousness; and may we not believe that we may thus become instrumental in hastening the coming of that day when wars shall cease and the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ?

Our feelings have been brought into near and tender sympathy with our beloved young friends who have been drawn as conscripts for the army. But we are comforted in being able to say that with some exceptions our testimony against war has been faithfully maintained.

It now falls very much upon young men to prove the truth of our profession in regard to the principles of peace - May they be strengthened to maintain their testimony thereto; and should they be brought into suffering may they put their trust in the Arm Omnipotent, and we believe they will be supported through all their trials.

We are glad to be informed that the suffering condition of the freedmen has claimed your sympathy and attention, and that you have contributed to their relief.

Friends of our Yearly Meeting have also been drawn into sympathy with them in their sufferings and trials, and contributions have been made for them, and Friends are encouraged to further exertions on their behalf.

Your acceptable Epistle of the 9th Month last, together with similar communications from other Yearly Meetings have been received and read at this time to our comfort and edification.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends.

In again offering to you, beloved friends, our Christian salutation, we would speak [illegible] to the goodness of our Father in Heaven for the crowning sense of His presence, which has we trust, from time to time been felt in this our annual meeting, and in a little of the "fulness of joy" which that presence has afforded many among us have, by the help of His blessed Spirit, been enabled, to their own refreshment and comfort, to "draw water out of the wells of salvation."

Our meeting, larger at this than usual, has been favored to consider and dispose of the various concerns which have claimed its attention, in harmony and brotherly love.

Our hearts are still saddened in consideration of the distracted condition of our beloved country. The din and strife of war are still rife in the land. May we be kept steadfast in our allegiance to the Prince of Peace, and though suffering and trial herein may yet be our portion, may we by watchfulness unto prayer, be through mercy accounted worthy to find a way of escape from all these things which shall come to pass, and accept our deliverance as from Him alone.

We notice with lively interest that your sympathies have been awakened in behalf of the colored refugees from Slavery, and that Friends within your limits, as in many other parts of the country, have been actively engaged in efforts for the relief of this suffering class. We earnestly hope that the strong claims of this oppressed people upon the friends of humanity may be fully realized, both by us and you, and that no exertion for their help and advancement may be unremitting on our part in this their time of need. Friends within our limits have also contributed to the relief of their necessities, and this meeting has appointed a Committee to promote further and more general efforts in their behalf.

May we, beloved friends, solemnly consider that our time of probation and for service in the militant church is rapidly passing away. The day calls loudly for dedication and faithfulness in the great work before us. Whether our allotted service be in the vineyard of our own hearts — in training the tender lambs committed to our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord — or in the whitening fields of harvest in the world at large, may we redeem the time, earnestly engaged that we may at last be found of our Heavenly Father in peace, without spot, and blameless before Him.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

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To Western Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends.

Your acceptable Epistle of 9th Month last has been received and read. We deem it cause of gratitude to our Heavenly Father, that we are permitted afresh to salute you in Christian love as brethren dear to us in the truth; remembering that this precious bond of Christian fellowship is only experienced as we are brought under the powerful operations of convicting and converting grace. Whatever we are or may be is through the mercy of God in Jesus Christ our holy Redeemer.

We have at this time been favored with tokens of brotherly regard from all of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, except North Carolina.

Earnest desires have been awakened in our hearts that all, both you and we, may individually know of a crucified and risen Saviour. This deep and vital [illegible] work so as to be able to say with the apostle; "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me, and gave Himself for me."

We rejoice that the members of Christ's body are one everywhere — when one member suffers, all suffer with it, yet we reverently believe that as this precious oneness is kept to, and the true cross, mercifully put upon us by the Saviour of sinners is faithfully and humbly borne, living, united prayer is experienced to arise as sweet incense before the Lord offered in the name of Jesus — it is well-pleasing to the Father, from whom the answer cometh. This however must be accompanied by careful watching and patient waiting; conditions wherein we are sometimes permitted to know something of our real situations. This, dear brethren, you as well as ourselves realize to be very humiliating to the creaturely part, always weak and ever shrinking from the necessary baptisms preparatory to our establishment in the unchangeable truth as it is in Jesus — the true and ever-living vine.

Our meeting this year is large, although many of the dear fathers come up to this annual gathering no more; our subordinate meetings report several of these as removed from works to rewards since we last met — gathered, as we trust, like sheaves of corn ripe in the garner.

Our precious youth are convened with us in considerable numbers, and evince that they are not strangers to the visitations of the Holy Spirit.

We have been from sitting to sitting very bountifully favored to experience that the Lord is good, and that, as unworthy as we are, His mercy is yet extended for our help and encouragement. Unto Him forever we would return our thanks with humble gratitude.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

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To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends.

We salute you in the fresh feeling of brotherly love, and acknowledge the reception of your acceptable Epistle; and we have again felt the preciousness of these tokens of Christian interest and love by similar testimonials from other dear brethren.

Our meeting is larger than usual, and in the midst of weaknesses and trials we have thankfully to commemorate the continued goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father in condescending to comfort our hearts and to bring us near one unto another in the fellowship of the Gospel. May our dwelling ever be in a state of watchfulness and prayer and our trust be in Him whose promises are sure.

Amidst the cheering evidences that the great Head of the Church is yet mindful of His people and disposed to bless Zion, is the feeling that he is drawing the hearts of our younger and older brethren more closely together, enabling them more fully to sympathize with each other in their trials, in their sorrows and in their joys. It is our fervent desire that the Omnipotent arm may encircle our dear brethren everywhere, and His blessed name be witnessed a strong tower in which is safety.

The report of our Boarding School Committee shows that institution in a prosperous condition, and continuing to be a blessing to many of our youth. The report also of our Committee on Education exhibits a lively interest amongst our members on that important subject, and an increase of First day schools for scriptural instruction within our limits.

There seems to [illegible] when many in your Yearly Meeting as well as in ours look forward to the time when dear brethren who have long and faithfully labored in the vineyard of the Lord shall be called from the militant to the triumphant church, and the query arises — where are to be found the laborers in the already whitened fields? In these seasons of solemn inquiry, we ask you, beloved brethren, to unite with us in the hope that the good Master is carrying forward His blessed work in the hearts of many of our dear youths, and a little strength at times given to ask in the name of our Holy Redeemer that preservation may be theirs, that their faith may be increased, their trust firm, and their love complete in Him their only Helper.

Brethren, farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on First day, the 11th, and at Newport, for discipline, on Second day morning, the 12th of 6th month, 1865.

By the reports received from our Quarterly Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz: —

From Rhode Island — David Buffum, Perez Peck,
Samuel Boyd Tobey, Abner Slade,
Timothy C. Collins, Gilbert Congdon,
William A. Robinson, Thomas
Harkness, William C. Richardson,
and [illegible]

From Salem — Nathan Breed of Lynn, Newell
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
Leighton, John Paige, Samuel Boyce,
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible]

From [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
Calvin Shepherd, Moses Smith, George
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible] [illegible]

From Falmouth — Henry [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Cyrus [illegible], Amos [illegible] [illegible] and
Robert Cook:

From Smithfield — Edward [illegible], Samuel [illegible] [illegible],
Thomas Grover, Nelson Taft, David
Babcock, and Anthony Chase:

From [illegible] — John [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] Jones, [illegible]
Jones, John [illegible] [illegible], Caleb [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] Jones, Stephen Jones
Johnathan Estes, William [illegible], and
Philip [illegible]:

From Dover — John [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]

Meader, Joseph Tuttle and William P. Tuttle: from Fairfield, Elden Sampson, Amos Bailey, Noah Farr, Charles M. Bailey and Moses Bailey:- whose names being called, they were present except four, for the absence of two of whom sufficient reasons were given.

We have at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friend, William Green, who presented satisfactory testimonials from the Monthly Meeting of Lisburn, held 2d month 16th, 1865, the Quarterly Meeting of Ulster, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland, held in Dublin in 5th month last.

We have also, at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Daniel Barker, of Deep River Monthly Meeting, North Carolina; Isham Cox, of Cane Creek Monthly Meeting, North Carolina; Joseph D. Hoag, of Salem Monthly Meeting, Iowa; William Haughton, of Raysville Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Isaac Jay, of Mississinewa Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Robert Walter Douglas of Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Edward M. Dorland, of Scipio Monthly Meeting, New York; Seneca Hazard, of Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting, New York; Levi Knowles and Henry Jewell of Farnham Monthly Meeting, New York; Mary M. Miller, of Spring Creek Monthly Meeting, Iowa; and Caroline E. Talbot, of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio. Certificates from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements, were presented.

Our beloved friends, William R. Taber, of Scipio Monthly Meeting, a minister who accompanies our friend Edward M. Dorland; Rhoda Jay, an Elder, accompanying her husband, Isaac Jay; Ruth Binns, an Elder, companion to our friend Caroline E. Talbot, and Louisa M. Thompson, an Elder of Bloomington Monthly meeting,- presented satisfactory testimonials from their several meetings.

Our friends Charles S. Hubbard, companion to William Houghton; Cyrus G. Pringle companion to Joseph D. Hoag; Seneca Stephens, companion to Levi Knowles; Achsah M. Hazard, accompanying her husband, Seneca Hazard; and John N. Miller, accompanying his wife Mary N. Miller, being with us presented minutes from their respective monthly meetings, expressing unity with them as members and with their present engagements.

We have also, at this meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friend Francis T. King, who presented a minute of Baltimore Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with him as an Elder, and with his religious concern to attend this Yearly Meeting.

The General Epistle of London, for the year 1864, has been now read. The meeting was deeply interested, and, we trust edified by its salutary contents, and we feelingly commend it to the solid attention of our subordinate meetings and to our individual members, and appoint our friends William C. Taber and Charles R. Tucker to cause a reprint of 3500 copies to be placed in the hands of the Representatives to be conveyed to our meetings, and through them to Friends generally.

Truly acceptable epistles from our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, and Iowa were received. In these communications, our friends on both sides of the Atlantic, have been afresh brought to our remembrance, with a comforting feeling that we are one wherever located, and that in unity there is strength - and being engaged to reciprocate these salutations of love, we appoint the following friends to prepare as way may open for it, essays of epistles to those several meetings, and present them to a future sitting, viz: Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Henry T. Wood, David Buffum, Samuel Boyce, John Paige, Moses P. Beede, Obadiah Chase, Wm. C. Taber, Sewell Hoxie,

Gilbert Congdon, Johnathan L. Slocum, Alden Sampson, Alfred H. Jones, Lemuel Jones, David Dudley Summers Gifford, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph Hoag, Albert K. Smiley, Sewell Ordway, Isaac R. Gifford, Edward Earle, James G. Arnold, Charles R. Tucker, Charles M. Bailey, Thomas Grover, Richard Battey, Stephen Jones, Joseph Metcalf and Moses Bailey.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with Swansey Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Esther Chase to the station of Elder. Zeriah Collins, an Elder and member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting deceased the 4th of 6th month, 1864, aged 92 years 4 months and 10 days, and Anna Howland, an Elder and member of the same meeting, died 4th month 27, 1865, aged 64 years, 3 months and 7 days.

Salem reports that it has united with Weare Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Enos B. Paige to the station of Elder, and with Seabrook Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Josiah D. Chattle to the same station; that it has also united with Salem Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Ruth D. Page, who has since, on the 28th day of 4th month, departed this life, aged 39 years and 5 months; that Miriam Newhall, an Elder and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died 7th month, 11th, 1864, aged 77 years, and that Enoch Page, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, deceased 3d month, 29th, of the present year, aged 75 years, and 4 months.

Sandwich informs that Ruth Davis, a Minister and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, deceased 9th month 2d, 1864, aged 86 years, 4 months and 12 days; and that William Gifford, a Minister and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 18th of 2d month, 1865, aged 86 years, 10 months and 26 days.

Falmouth reports that it has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth A. Douglas, to the station of Elder.

Smithfield informs that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Nelson Taft to the station of Elder.

Vassalboro has united with Unity Monthly Meeting, in appointing [illegible] to the station of Elder.

Dover reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Paul Gray to the station of Elder; that Phebe H. Meader, an Elder and member of Dover Monthly Meeting died 12th month 21st, 1864, in the 49th year of her age, and that Elizabeth Varney, an Elder, and member of the same meeting, deceased, [illegible] month, 26th, 1865, aged 73 years 11 months and 11 days.

Fairfield informs that Olive Tming, an Elder, and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting deceased, 6th month 5th, 1864, aged 75 years and twenty days.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

Afternoon, met according to adjournment.

Stephen Jones, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and Charles R. Tucker for Assistant which being satisfactory to this Meeting they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

The Records of this Meeting for last year were now read.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee was laid before us and read; and the reported condition of the School, and the proceedings of the Committee during the past year, are satisfactory to this Meeting. The Friends, now under appointment, are continued for another year, to co-operate with a similar Committee of Women Friends in the Superintendence of the School, and they are requested and empowered to determine the prices that shall be charged after the expiration of the present term, according to the necessities of the School, as they may be developed hereafter; giving information of their conclusion to our Monthly Meetings, at as early a day as practicable. The Committee are desired to report to this Meeting next year.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends: The Committee appointed to Superintend the Boarding School during the past year, report: that in the Summer Term of the School, there were in attendance, one hundred and twenty three pupils, viz: sixty-nine males and fifty-four females, and in the Winter term, one hundred and thirty, viz: eighty-one males and forty-nine females.

The officers of the Institution have been, - Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the Female Department; John F. Rowell, Bessie T. Wing, Mary A. Cornell, and Amy E. Johnson, Teachers in the English Branches; Elijah Cook, Teacher of Mathematics; William B. Phillips, Teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; and Mary A. Potter, Teacher of Drawing. Under this organization a satisfactory progress has been made in the varied departments of literary and scientific knowledge.

Meetings for worship have been held regularly at the School House on First day mornings, and have been seasons of solemnity and interest; and the scholars continue to attend Friends Meeting in the city on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. A knowledge of the Holy Scriptures has been promoted by daily readings, and exercises on the First day of the week, and the considerate and orderly deportment of the scholars generally, and the evidences afforded by not a few, of a growth in the highest knowledge, has afforded us much satisfaction.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been remarkably good during the past year, which, under a blessing, we think may in part be attributed to the careful daily attention to gymnastic exercises.

By the report of the committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole income for the past year exceeds the amount expended, thirty one hundred and twenty five dollars, ($3,125).

By a circular minute from our Meeting for

Sufferings held at Lynn in the 11th month last, all of our Monthly Meetings were informed of the decision of that Meeting to advance the price for tuition, and the rates then established took effect on the beginning of the Winter term as follows: For members of this Yearly Meeting, $100 per term. For members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge of such, $130 per term, and for any others who may be admitted $160 per term. The same additional charges of five dollars for Latin and Greek, French, German and Drawing, as heretofore. It was with reluctance that the apparent necessary increase in the price was resorted to, and we desire that it may be reduced at the earliest possible time; but as we are not now prepared to make any definite suggestions, we would propose to the Yearly Meeting, to commit the subject to the Committee that may be entrusted with the charge of the Boarding School for the ensuing year, to make such timely changes as may appear best, upon mature consideration, and after further developments of the cost of provisions, &c.

In conclusion we gratefully believe that our Boarding School is increasing its means and opportunities of usefulness. We are however solemnly reminded, that all our blessings are dependent upon the Father of Mercies. May not, therefore, all who are interested, unite in the desire that His favor and protection may be continued from generation to generation, through Him who is head over all things to the Church.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee.

Gilbert Congdon Clerk.

Boarding School, 5th Month, 9th, 1865.

Note. – Summer term for 1865 closes 9th Mo. 27th.
Winter term for 1865, opens, 11th Mo. 1st, 1865.
Closes, 3d Mo. 21st, 1866.
Summer term for 1866, opens 5th Mo. 2d.

# Regulations of the School Committee.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, in season to be laid before the committee at their meetings held in the third and ninth months. At these meetings, applications for members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the "charitable fund," or of the "Jacob Metcalf donation", will also be determined at the times above specified, and in all these cases, information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the committee in deciding upon them.

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that all the scholars shall be at the School punctually at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of pupils being admitted for the term, and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and all others, visiting the School, will be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

All applications for admission are to be made to the Principals. Address.

Albert K. Smiley,
Principal Friends Boarding School.
Providence, R. I.

(Committee. — Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Austin, Charles R. Tucker, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase, William A. Robinson, John D. Lang, and Alden Sampson.

Susan Howland, Rhoda H. Taber, Sarah F. Tobey, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary A. Smith, Dorcas E. Robinson, Dorcas S. Tucker, Sarah T. Sampson, Ann B. Earle, Anna T. [illegible] and Rebecca C. Freeman.)

Our several Quarterly Meetings report, that they have paid, or directed to be paid to our Treasurer their several quotas of the sum directed to be raised, by this Meeting last year. And we appoint our friends, Wm. E. Robinson, James Dennis, Jeremiah C. Pratt, Thomas Folsom, Isaac R. Gifford, Matthew Howland, Henry M. [illegible], Joseph Bullard, Edward Earle, Richard Battey, Stephen Jones, John D. Lang, Amos D. Purinton, William Penn Tuttle, Moses Bailey and Alden Sampson, to settle the Treasurer's account, propose a sum to be raised by this Meeting the present year, and the name of a Friend for Treasurer.

They are also requested to consider the subject of the proper apportionment of the sums to be paid by the several Quarterly Meetings — agreeably to a proposition contained in the account received this year from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.

Dover Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with Berwick Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Isaac Varney, correspondent, in place of Benajah Buffum deceased — address North Berwick, Maine.

We appoint our friends William A. Robinson, John Page, David K. Shaw, Samuel Jones, David Babcock, Thomas B. Nichols, John Estes, and Noah Farr, to prepare a summary of the Answers received, and present it at our next meeting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning, the 10th, the Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment. The cl
present as yesterday.

By the Report from Dover Quarterly Meeting, we are informed that William Tucker appeals from the decision of that meeting confirming the judgment of Berwick monthly meeting, in his case — who
we appoint our friends Gideon S. Smith, Joseph
Nathan Breed of Lynn, Thomas Folsom, William
[illegible]
Anthony Chase, Richard Batten, Joseph Taber, Philip Dinsmore, Reuben T. Jones, and Alden Sampson, to hear the parties, and report their judgment to a future sitting of this meeting.

The meeting [illegible] proceeded to conside
the state of society, by reading the Answers to the Queries as presented by the several Quarterly Meetings and having proceeded therein to the 3d, inclusive adjourned to the 4th hour in the afternoon, when Friends again convened, and completed the reading of the Queries and Answers.

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[illegible]
Head of the Church was witnessed, and we were tendered and edified together. Our dear absent
[illegible]
[illegible] for them [illegible].
the case from year to year, the Answers [illegible]
[illegible]
and holy duty of all to assemble for the purpose of worship and praise to our Father in Heaven. We forcibly and affectionately reminded that a want of love to God — a feebleness [illegible]
lack of a true sense of our dependence upon Him
are the real causes of our neglecting to meet together to worship Him. He that remembers that from Him
[illegible]
of ourselves, to command a single blessing; that it is of [illegible] we are not consumed; he that contemplates the mercies of the Lord to the children of men — the [illegible] of His love, in the free pardon of

all our sins, is offered to us through Him who loved us and
gave Himself for us, - cannot fail in humble faithfulness
to love and to adore - to rejoice to go into His house and
[illegible]

[illegible]
withhold from the Lord the first fruits of their increase,
[illegible]
[illegible]
will not open the windows of Heaven and pour out
upon us the fullness of His blessing.

Many were the feeling testimonies of those present,
[illegible]
Lord is good, to the blessedness of our meetings for
worship, when we meet in His name and in His
power; when we come together to find Jesus, because
we love Him; when we look unto Him as the minister
of ministers of the true tabernacle pitched of God;
[illegible] engaged to sit at His feet to hear the
gracious words that proceed out of His mouth, even
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] by assembling to worship Him, [illegible]
[illegible] us, and the plaintive enquiry arises, when
shall it be removed? When will we be wise and
[illegible]
the true servants of Jesus? When will we delight
to do the will of the Lord. Then shall we worship
Him in the beauty of holiness; then shall we keep
the first and great commandment - loving God
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] in our trespasses as we forgive those who
[illegible]
man, for whom Christ died, cannot availingly have
[illegible] attribute is love. Love is the
[illegible] not love, can
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
frequently read in our families, yet there has been
with us a living concern that we might fully
appreciate the unspeakable privilege of having free
[illegible] of God to man — this
revelation of His will — this communication of
the way of salvation through our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ. [illegible]
to neglect the daily practice (so often recommended
by this Meeting) of collecting their families and
vocally reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures,
looking reverently unto the same spirit that inspired
[illegible]
[illegible].
[illegible] in this service it will not only be felt to
be a privilege, but we shall know the divine
blessing to attend it. We may witness a near
access unto our Father in Heaven, and often be
enabled to bend the knee and [illegible] but in a
simple, heartfelt prayer, with our loved ones
[illegible]
[illegible]
in after years, and in the hour of trouble
these seasons may be preservingly remembered.

The duty of parents is [illegible] to train their
children, and to order their households in the
[illegible] of the truth, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the exercise of this authority
they may sometimes be required to restrict their
children from some indulgences which, at the
time, may be trying to their inclinations; but
afterwards the wisdom of the decision will be
apparent, even to the dear child, and a blessing
will rest upon this exercise of parental
[illegible]

[illegible] thankful for the evidence that, during
another year of desolating war, our members have
been, in good measure, preserved in a constant
[illegible]
[illegible]. The [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] States, the late Abraham Lincoln, by the hands of wicked men. We acknowledge the deep debt of gratitude due from us, as a religious society, to him for his tender regards to our conscientious scruples against bearing arms; but feeling it is not for us to scan the ways or understand the purposes of the Almighty, our faith and confiding trust in Him who is perfect in wisdom sustain us under this terrible calamity to our country.

[illegible] apparent, calling for our tender sympathies and the open hand of help. [illegible] the [illegible] mourners to whom we should be [illegible] commend to the one unfailing source of consolation; and let us be concerned to dwell in that spirit which is pure, peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits. Thus shall we know preservation ourselves, and be a blessing to our fellow men.

The following is a Summary of the Answers received:

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on[illegible]
m[illegible]
ea[illegible]
[illegible] as reasons.) [illegible] days, the
[illegible] week-day meetings [illegible]
[illegible] ded by some; love generally
[illegible] of unbecoming behavior, which
[illegible] some care taken.

[illegible]

under their direction in business; to [illegible]

[illegible]

some deficiencies in [illegible] — mostly [illegible] [illegible] members; some deficiency in one answer. The Scriptures, we believe, are frequently read in Friends' families.

Ans. 4th. The use of spirituous liquors confined to medicinal purposes, as far as appears, except in the instances which are under notice. The unnecessary frequenting of places of public resort [illegible] moderation and temperance observed on the [illegible] referred to.

Ans. 5th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and their education provided for. None [illegible] or that we know of.

Ans. 6th. A number of instances of [illegible] of the order of Society, most of which are und[illegible]

Ans. 7th. A few instances of contributing to the support of a hired ministry, and a number of [illegible] of a military nature, most of which are under notice.

Ans. 8th. Careful in the several parts of this q[illegible]

[illegible]

Ans. 9th. Not quite clear as to records; a number of removals, without certificates, a part of which are under notice.

[illegible]

not at all times so seasonable as might be best, and to place judgment, when necessary, according to discipline.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, tomorrow.

[illegible]

present except five.

The Committee appointed last year to attend to the concerns of this Meeting for the colored [illegible] been held in bondage and are now entering upon a life of freedom, brought the subjoined Report, which has been deeply interesting [illegible] of the Committee, to the purpose of their appointment, and that a blessing has rested [illegible]

[illegible] tenements for the use of the freedmen, and for the accommodation of day schools, &c. are [illegible]

liberally for the support and extension of our mission [illegible]

the right field of labor for this Yearly Meeting at the present time. The Committee now under appointment, with the addition of our friends Edward W. Howland and Benjamin Buffum, (who have acted [illegible] of the Committee [illegible] past year,) are continued and desired to give their attention to this interesting concern and report to this Meeting next year.

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The Committee appointed to promote efforts for the [illegible]

[illegible]

That upon our appointment last year, and before leaving this Island, it was determined to appoint a small committee of our number, upon whom the executive duties of our organization should devolve; who were requested to obtain information relative to the most pressing necessities of these people, to guide and direct Friends in their labors in their behalf, to receive and dispose of contributions of [illegible] needed, and generally to promote the physical and [illegible]

The Executive Committee early concluded to make thorough investigation of the condition and needs of these fugitives, in North Carolina, Virginia and the [illegible] and its vicinity were fixed upon as the principal [illegible] Friends of New England. [illegible] sub-committee was at once appointed, to take meas for the establishment of a mission in the suburbs of the city.

This committee purchased nine lots of land on Thirteenth street, at a cost of $2448, on a portion of which they erected a store, 55 by 20 feet, and enclose a wood-yard in the rear, at an outlay of $1000. The store is kept supplied with goods adapted to the wants of the Freedmen, which are sold to them at cost, embracing a capital of over $2000. All this is under the superintendence of our friend William F. Sampson, who, from the first, has devoted himself with zeal and energy to the task he has undertaken, and with very satisfactory results. The weekly sales have steadily increased from the commencement; the receipts for the five months it has been in operation being a little over $14,000. This committee also obtain the services of Eli Jones and Lavinia H. Jones, for a few months, who devoted themselves to the arduous duties of daily visits among the people, distributing clothing and bedding, dispensing little comforts to the sick and needy, and administering consolation and encouragement to the faint-hearted and sorrowing; and we believe that these early efforts and valuable service of Eli Jones were highly instrumental in gaining the confidence of the Freedmen in the efforts of the Mission, and his kind advice and sympathy are still in their grateful remembrance.

Sarah E. Hall, who has served gratuitously from the opening of the mission, has been a self sacrificing and faithful laborer, in ameliorating the condition of these destitute and suffering people. The committee gratefully acknowledge the invaluable services of our friend, [illegible] [illegible], in the establishment of the Sewing School, whose continued efforts in this important branch of the mission, have been, it is believed, of incalculable benefit to many poor women. [illegible] [illegible] has also labored usefully [illegible] [illegible] in this department.

From information obtained through the [illegible] efforts of our committee, we have deemed it advisable for New England Friends, while distributing generously to these people, in the wants of great need, to provide also remunerative employment for those who are able to work, in order, as soon as possible, to render them self-sustaining. With this view, it was decided at the expiration of three months, to open work shops where they could be taught different branches of handicraft, such as basket-making, [illegible] &c., and the services of our friends Richard and Abby S. Battey, were secured as superintendents. Upon the land [illegible] buildings erected by Government, used as a hospital for the Freed people. These buildings, when vacated, were at our solicitation, kindly assigned by Secretary Stanton, for the use of the mission; and, having been fitted up in a convenient manner, a part of the rooms are occupied by the family, and the remainder for First day and evening schools, [illegible]. Herbert E. Sherman and Sarah Carey have very kindly devoted a few weeks to giving instruction in the work-rooms. We believe that the superintendents and other agents have labored faithfully to promote the best interests of the people, physical, moral, social and spiritual; and the result of their efforts is satisfactory and encouraging to the Committee. From time to time, during the past winter, the Executive Committee have received so full and detailed accounts of the progress of the work, that it seems unnecessary to extend this report further than to inform of the present state of the mission. The store will be kept open during the summer, by William L. [illegible], assisted by George W. Phillips and William [illegible], a faithful colored man, but two years free. Richard and Abby S. Battey and Sarah E. Hall, desiring to return North for the summer, the evening school, work-shops and sewing rooms will be closed. [illegible] will remain for the present in charge of the [illegible].

We find a feeling prevails to some extent that, since the war has closed, and the immediate causes of the flocking of fugitives to Washington no longer exist, our efforts on their behalf may be relaxed. This we believe to be an erroneous impression. A very large number are likely to remain at the Capital, at least for the present, and their situation still calls for strong efforts, not only to relieve their physical wants and give them the rudiments of school learning, but to furnish them [illegible] instruction [illegible] on their entrance to a free life; to train their minds to self-reliance, [illegible] their freedom — freedom to work for themselves and those dear to them; and then give them the opportunity to learn different branches of labor. Many of them will probably return to the South at some future time, and we regard this as an additional inducement to use every effort for their improvement, that each, as he returns to his former home, may act, to some extent, as a missionary among them. We would, therefore, earnestly recommend that Friends continue to interest and exert themselves to this end; that the store for their accommodation be kept up; that, with the coming autumn, the work-shops be re-opened, and supplied with material; that funds be liberally furnished for the use of the industrial committee; and that Friends continue to collect and forward second hand clothing and bedding; also that teachers be employed to open a day-school in the vicinity of our labors, and that the necessary funds be raised for the maintenance of the large family at the [illegible] Home. Another measure which has claimed our attention, we are desirous of recommending to the notice of Friends. We allude to the plan of building a number of small, but comfortable, tenements for the freed people, which may be rented to them, upon the payment of monthly installments, until cost, interest and insurance are liquidated, when a title may be acquired by the occupants. In several respects, the measure should benefit these people. The acquisition of a title to a property however small, so incompatible with their former condition, is now their great desire, and, while furnishing an inducement to labor for its accomplishment, it would, it is believed, at the same time, have an elevating tendency, raising them to the dignity and responsibilities of citizenship. The miserable cabins now tenanted by them, at an exorbitant rent, are comfortless and unhealthy, inducing diseases of various kinds, which is undermining the constitutions of the occupants, already impaired by their life of slavery and [illegible] experienced in their flight. The favorable consideration of the General Government for this enterprise, repeatedly manifested, has been encouraging to the Committee. In addition to the assignment of the Hospital buildings before alluded to, the Mission received, at the solicitation of Eli Jones, the liberal donation of fifty cords of wood, which during a very inclement season, and at a time of scarcity of fuel in Washington, was a valuable acquisition to its means of usefulness.

In reviewing our efforts for the past year, in behalf of these suffering and degraded sons and daughters of [illegible] the great cause has been promoted by the separate organization of Friends of New England; that the efforts of our members for its advancement have been largely [illegible] generally, [illegible] of our Heavenly Father has rested upon this undertaking.

On behalf of the Committee

Henry T. Wood, Clerk."

## Auditors' Report.

The committee to prepare a report of the contributions to the [illegible] following statement:

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| From Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting from all sources | | | .. | $8,569 72. |
| Salem | " | " | " | 3,937 53 |
| Sandwich | " | " | " | 10,387 78 |
| Smithfield | " | " | " | 669 42 |
| Dover | " | " | " | 1,395 40 |
| Falmouth | " | " | " | 568 07 |
| Vassalboro | " | " | " | 897 36 |
| Fairfield | " | " | " | 726 1 |
| Total amount from all Quarterly Meetings | | | | $27,151 4 |

[illegible] the above amount it appears that there has been raised in cash .................. $19,820 42

[illegible]

$27,151 47

[illegible]

above. About $1,700 of the sum total is reported as having come from those not members of our Society. The number of garments is reported from nearly all our [illegible]

About $500 worth of the clothing is reported without giving the number of garments. The committee would [illegible]

On behalf of the Committee,

[illegible]

## Treasurer's Report.

The receipts have been,

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| [illegible] | [illegible] |
| [illegible] " " | [illegible] |
| [illegible] " " | [illegible] |
| H. R. Sampson, Collecting Agents | 817 28 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] |
| [illegible] " " | [illegible] |
| Rhode Island " " | 6,142 25 |
| Salem " " | 1,946 12 |
| Dover " " | 17 50 |
| Eliza P. Gurney | 100 00 |
| Total receipts | $16,714 62 |

The expenditures have been,

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| Cash paid to the Committee having charge of the [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Expenses, Printing, &c. | 21 18 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] |
| [illegible] | $7,406 95 |

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Expended for Mission at Washington,

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|---|---|---|
| For Purchase of land | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Expended in building store | 1,000 | 00 |
| Stock of goods for store | 2,000 | 00 |
| Furniture, Stoves, &c. | 595 | 80 |
| Wood | 362 | 40 |
| Paid Mission Agents, including Salaries and other expenses, up to 3d month, 15th | 754 | 01 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Paid to Richard Batten for materials for work-shops, Expenses of various repairs and Family outfits | 750 | 00 |
| Cash in Bank at Washington | 154 | 41 |
| Total | $8,520 | 00 |

On behalf of the Washington Committee,
Signed Edward W. Howland, Chairman.

## Recapitulation.

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| Amount collected by Treasurer | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Other cash contributions | 3,105 | 80 |
| In clothing &c. as per schedule | 7,331 | 07 |
| Total | $27,151 | 49 |

## Disbursements.

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| Cash paid Washington Committee | $8,520 | 00 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Goods sent for distribution and Industrial school | 3,105 | 80 |
| Clothing &c. distributed | 7,331 | 07 |
| Treasurer's expenses for printing, &c. | 21 | 18 |
| Cash in hands of Treasurer | 7,406 | 95 |
| Total | $27,151 | 49 |

Note. In addition to the cash contributions above reported, a number of individuals have generously forwarded money to our Agents in Washington, for the various objects of the Mission, which has been faithfully appropriated, and their donations are gratefully acknowledged.

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William C. Taber, Stephen Dillingham, Lemuel Jones, Oliver Robinson, Henry M. Minott, Edward Earle, Richard Battey, Timothy K. Earle, Samuel Foster, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Amos D. Purington, Timothy B. Hussey, Stephen Beede, Alden Sampson, Charles M. [illegible] Buffum, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Page, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Coffin, James Cartland, Joseph Taber, Joshua Douglas, Henry T. Noon, Jonathan E. Hoxie, Benj Peck, [illegible] [illegible] Samuel Gifford, Edward W. Howland, Benjamin Buffum [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Rebecca C. Kinsman, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail M. Hanson, Anna S. Wood, Mercy K. Wing, Gulielma T. Howland, Phebe Pope, Jane C. Minott, Esther Nichols, Phebe M. Marble, Phebe S. March, Ann B. Earle, Lydia T. [illegible] Rachel T. Nichols, Peace Jones, Lydia E. Jenkins, Huldah S. Buffum, Lois J. Greene, Eunice W. Sau, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Coffin, Ruth J. Challis, Eliza S. Varney, Cynthia Bowen, Mary Slade, Caroline Hazard, Elizabeth C. Wing, Lavina Purington, Electa Jane Collins, Maria Purinton, Hannah Gove, Elizabeth Foster, Mary S. Anthony, Anna Cartland, Mary C. Foster, Martha Austin, Gulielma Freeborn, Mary B. Wing, Sarah Slade, Abby T. Pratt, Ann Elmira Lang, Hannah Page, Susan Taber, Susan Gifford, Lydia B. Dow, Mrs. Metcalf, Anna T. Dennis, Celinda Metcalf, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Dillingham, [illegible] [illegible] Gifford, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Buffum.)

[illegible] [illegible] of the Pre. Meetings for the past year were laid before us and read, and the proceedings of the meeting are satisfactory, and approved by this Meeting, and the Friends now under appointment are continued to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

(Members of Meeting for Sufferings. David Buffum, [illegible], Samuel Boyce, [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible] C. Collins, Stephen Jones, David S. Akin, Stephen A. Chase, William Farr, William C. Taber, Tobias Meader, Micajah C. Pratt, Alden Sampson, William S. Robinson, Stephen Buede, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Batten, Henry [illegible] Charles [illegible] of Lynn, George Bowen, Newell Hoxie, David Sellew, Moses Huntington, Edward Earle, and Joseph Cartla- of North Providence.)

In accordance with a proposition from the Meeting for Sufferings, the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, is [illegible]ed to execute a bill of sale of the Meeting House at Wolfboro', to the purchaser of the same.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon met by adjournment.

By the Records of the Meeting for Sufferings, it appears that a communication from the Meeting for Sufferings of our brethren of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, had been received, setting forth the distress of our beloved friends, in some portions of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, occasioned by the ravages of the war, to which a response had been promptly made, by a voluntary subscription, on the part of some of our members; and the subject being now again brought before us, and the [illegible] Nathaniel Gifford, Prince T. Moore, Nathan [illegible] Shepherd, Matthew Howland, Adrian Davis, Henry M. [illegible], [illegible] Cartland, Nathan Pope, Abram Winslow, [illegible], Timothy K. Earle, Greely Dow, Thomas [illegible], Oliver Meader, Hiram B. Gould, Alden Sampson, [illegible], Benjamin G. Shepherd, Levi Jones, Caleb M. [illegible] call upon Friends, now in attendance of this meeting, and [illegible] freedom for the relief of our North Carolina Friends. The sums raised to be forwarded to our friend Charles R. Tucker, New Bedford, Mass., (who is requested to act as Treasurer) to be by him remitted to our friend Francis T. King, to be disbursed by Friends of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, in such manner as they may deem will best promote the object, for which the funds are contributed. The committee are requested to report to this Meeting, next year.

The Committee of this Meeting, continued under appointment last year, presented the following Report, and in accordance with the suggestion contained in it, [illegible] our dear friends in all our Meetings to the [illegible] guidance and sure protection of the Head of [illegible]

"To the Yearly Meeting:—

The Committee appointed to visit Subordinate Meetings, as way might open for, and labor for the restoration of love and unity, and for the promotion of the cause of truth, have met, several times, during the year, and have endeavored to give such attention to the object of their appointment as appeared to be required, and they are now of the judgment that it [illegible] safe to release them from [illegible].

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Sewell Hoxie,
Samuel Boyd Tobey,
[illegible]
Gilbert Congdon,
John Page.

Newport, 6th Month 14th, 1865."

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting, for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, [illegible] the same Committee are continued under appointment.

and requested to manifest to these tribes, that we continue still to feel an interest in their welfare, and the Committee are authorized to draw $50 from our Treasury and apply it to their benefit, should they deem it desirable to do so.

"To the Yearly Meeting: —

The Committee appointed on behalf of this meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, report:

That several of their number arranged to visit a [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] continued as heretofore. The sum of Fifty dollars placed at the [illegible] of the Committee [illegible] been appropriated, and we would suggest that the Committee be left at liberty to draw this amount from the Treasury the ensuing year, for the benefit of the Indians.

On behalf of the Committee,

Stephen Jones,
John D. Lang.

Newport, 6th month, 14th, 1865."

(Committee. — John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Joseph [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible].)

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes made the following report, which is [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] forward to him their respective quotas of three thousand dollars according to the apportionment now established.

"To the Yearly Meeting: —

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account, &c.

report that they have attended to their appointment, [illegible] find a balance due the Treasurer of Two hundred fifty two Dollars and four cents, and propose that Three thousand Dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting, and David Buffum for treasurer.

[illegible] They further propose that they have agreed on the following apportionment to each Quarterly Meeting, viz:

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| To Rhode Island, | Twenty-five | per | cent., | 25 |
| To [illegible], | Twenty | " | " | [illegible] |
| To [illegible], | Twenty five | " | " | 25 |
| To Falmouth, | Five | " | " | 5 |
| To Smithfield, | Five | " | " | 5 |
| To [illegible], | [illegible] | " | " | [illegible] |
| To Dover, | Four | " | " | 4 |
| To [illegible]. | [illegible] | " | " | [illegible] |
| | | | | [illegible] |

Newport, 6 month 14th, 1865.

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for the Committee."

The subject of the revision of our discipline by reference from last year claiming our solid attention, it is the judgment of this meeting that the time has not arrived to enter upon this work; and the subject is discharged from present consideration, in much unity and brotherly condescension.

The Committee on the Correspondence are requested to [illegible] for our friends [illegible] from other Yearly Meetings.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon, the 15th. — The Meeting again assembled according to adjournment. The representatives present as yesterday.

The Committee on Education presented the subjoined report, which is satisfactory and encouraging, and the committee are continued under appointment, with the addition of Benjamin G. Shepherd and Prince G. Moore, [illegible] in the interesting work in which they are engaged. The committee are specially requested to attend carefully to ascertaining with [illegible] the number of members within this Yearly Meeting, and subordinate meetings are desired to render such aid in this respect as the committee may require.

To the Yearly Meeting: —

The Committee on the subject of Education have [illegible] the Yearly Meeting, and are encouraged in believing, by information received from the different portions of the Yearly Meeting, that with the assistance of Monthly Meeting committees and other interested Friends, there has [illegible] during the past year, in encouraging the guarded, religious and literary education of our youth and children.

Members of the committee have attended the annual examinations of the various institutions of learning under the care of Friends within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, [illegible]

The subject of scriptural instruction has largely engaged our attention, and although the returns show an increase of but four schools over the number reported in 1863, the attendance is much larger, and their efficiency much improved.

The committee have held [illegible] sessions of the Yearly Meeting, and the evidence is abundant and conclusive that First day schools are exerting a [illegible] influence upon our religious Society and we are happy to be able to state, that there are [illegible] that many have been awakened to an increased dedication of heart by means of this instrumentality. By direction of the committee, circulars were forwarded to each Monthly Meeting, and the following statistical information has been [illegible] we submit to the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

[illegible]

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| The number of Friends' children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of 5 and 21 years, is | 1,038 |
| The number of Monthly Meeting Schools, | 2 |
| The number of Preparative Meeting Schools, | 2 |

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| The number of Family Schools. | 5 |
| The number of Friends' children who have attended school the past year, | 836 |
| [illegible] schools [illegible] by Friends or under their control, | 250 |
| The number of our members engaged in teaching the past year, | 132 |
| The number obtaining an education at Academies and Colleges not under the care of Friends, | [illegible] |
| The number of First Day Schools under the care of Friends, | 54 |
| Average length of time these Schools are kept, | 8 month. |
| The number of scholars attending these Schools. | 1.552 |
| The " of Friends attending the same, | [illegible] |
| The " of teachers engaged in them, | 205 |
| The " of Bible Classes, | 40 |
| The " attending Bible Classes, | [illegible] |
| The " of Friends attending Bible Classes, | 482 |

(Committee. – Joseph E. Macomber, Solomon R. [illegible] Gifford, Nathan Breed of Weare, John H. Crossman, Robert L. Brown, Edward W. Ewer, Nathan E. Shepherd, Matthew Barney, Isaac R. Potter, Adrian [illegible] Timothy K. Earle, George Douglas, Henry M. Minott, [illegible] Cartland, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, Amos D. Purinton, Albert C. Buffum, George Varney, George Richardson, Levi Jones, Joseph S. Hawkes, Benjamin G. Shepherd, and Prince G. Moore.

[illegible] Committee. – [illegible] Freeborn, Elizabeth A. Congdon, Mary D. Collins, Mary Slade, Lydia P. Chase, Elizabeth Page, [illegible] J. Gove, Elizabeth C. Wing, Ruth A. Shepherd, Lydia Swain, Huldah B. Gifford, Rebecca A. Church, Susan Taber, Abigail S. Butler, Lydia B. [illegible] Minott, [illegible] Cartland, Rachel B. Nichols, Sybil Jones, Jane H. Varney, [illegible] Hannah E. Wing,

[illegible]

The Committee to attend to the distribution of a reprint of 3,500 copies of the London General Epistle report that they have attended to that service.

The Committee upon the appeal of William Hussey from the confirmation by Dover Quarterly Meeting of the decision of [illegible] Meeting, disowning him as a member of [illegible] the following [illegible] conformity therewith the decision of Berwick Monthly Meeting is reversed. David Buffum and [illegible] are appointed to inform the appellant of the conclusion of this meeting, and the Committee of Dover Quarterly Meeting [illegible] requested to communicate the same information to said meeting.

"To the [illegible]

The committee appointed in the case of appeal of William Hussey against the judgment of Berwick Monthly Meeting and Dover Quarterly Meeting, report: That they have fully heard the testimony of the parties in the case to their [illegible] and after [illegible] careful consideration of the subject have come to the conclusion that Berwick Monthly Meeting was not warranted, by our discipline, in disowning William Hussey on the grounds alleged in the complaint of the [illegible] and they therefore recommend that the judgment of that monthly Meeting be [illegible]

Newport, 6 mo. 13, 1865.

Gideon C. Smith.
Joseph Metcalf,
[illegible]
[illegible]
Joseph Cartland,
George P. Davis,
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Joseph Taber,
Alden Sampson,
Nathan Breed."

A brief and instructive Testimony of [illegible] Monthly Meeting, approved by [illegible] Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Thomas Jones, has been read, and is directed to be recorded. His memory is precious to us, and we desire that his exemplary and christian life may be emulated by all of us.

We are informed, in the Epistle from New York Yearly Meeting, that that Meeting has granted the privilege to the Friends composing the Quarterly Meetings of Pelham, Yonge Street and West Lake, of holding a Yearly Meeting at Pickering, Canada West, to be opened on the first [illegible] day in the sixth month, 1867, if approved by the other yearly meetings. The proposition claimed the solid consideration of this meeting, and was fully united with, and the Clerk is directed to affix this minute to our Epistle of the present year addressed to New York Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Correspondence produced essays of Epistles to our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western and Iowa, which being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute, viz:

To the Monthly Meeting of Lisburn, the Quarterly Meeting of Ulster and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland held in Dublin.

Dear Friends.

Our beloved friend William Green attended this meeting and presented certificates from your several meetings expressive of your unity with him as a Minister of the Gospel and with his present religious engagement.

His company, his religious services and his evident engagement to wait in humble dependence for direction and qualification from his divine Master to move in His service, have been acceptable and edifying to us, and we desire that he may continue to know the Good Shepherd to lead, to preserve and comfort him, and that when he shall have discharged his whole duty on this side the

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the sweet enjoyment of the peace of Christ.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Daniel Barker, and similar ones for our friends Isham Cox, Joseph D. Hoag, William Houghton, Isaac Jay, Robert Walter Douglas, Edward M. Wieland, Seneca Hazard, Levi Knowles, Henry Jewell, William R. Taber, Caroline E. Talbot and Mary M. Miller, viz:

"Our beloved friend Daniel Barker attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our Friend Francis T. King, and similar ones for our friends [illegible] Ruth Bruns, and Deborah M. Hazard, viz:

"Our beloved friend Francis T. King attended this meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

The Clerk is [illegible] of the Minutes of this Meeting to be printed and distributed among the families of Friends.

Gratefully acknowledging that our present Yearly Meeting has been a continued season of divine favor, under which we have been enabled to dispose of the [illegible] with the [illegible] of the [illegible] our [illegible] humble sense of the great mercy extended to us, we separate in close unity, proposing to meet again in this [illegible].

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

Epistles.

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island in the sixth month, 1865.—

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London.

Dear Friends.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable Epistle of the present year. You are brought very near to us. You are brought near unto us. We feel your sympathy and unity to be strengthening and very precious.

Eventful have been the last four years. War with all its multiplied evils and horrors has been in our midst. Much suffering and desolation have been fearfully witnessed, culminating in the assassination of our honored Chief Magistrate, whom we held great esteem, respect and love. The nation weeps, but we bow under this heavy affliction with an unshaken faith and trust in Him who doeth all things well, while we confess that His judgments are unsearchable and His ways past finding out. — We meet at this time with feelings of gratitude and thanksgiving unto our Heavenly Father that in His goodness and mercy He has caused the sword to be sheathed and the flowing of blood to be stayed. We behold the ratification of the declaration [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] and the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]. Slavery is abolished, and Slavery is destroyed by the very hands of those who rose in rebellion against our Government for the purpose of extending and perpetuating it.

Great are the necessities of those now just entering into a state of freedom. They stretch out their hands unto us for help, and we are actively engaged not only to relieve their present physical wants but to extend to them the blessings of education and to be instrumental in instructing them in the way of salvation through a common Saviour who died and who lives for them and for us. You are engaged in the same good work. May the Lord be pleased to bless our united efforts.

You acknowledge that you have had the presence of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Yearly Meeting. We believe we may reverently and thankfully express that the same is true as to our present gathering. Very sweet [illegible] comforting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that the Lord has been very near us - keeping us closely united in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] together in true harmony and fellowship - to Him alone be praise -

We salute you in few words but with heartfelt desires and prayers that preservation on every hand may be extended both to you and to us, and that we may be enabled in all things to honor the name of Christ our Saviour - Farewell -

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk

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To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for Ireland held in Dublin.

Dear Friends,

Having assembled again as a Yearly Meeting we would acknowledge the kindness of our Heavenly Father in that He hath been pleased to be near unto us [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] uniting us together, and giving us an evidence that His mercies are new every morning, and great is His faithfulness.

We have had on this occasion the company of many of our own ministers, [illegible], and also of our beloved friend William Green from your land. The glad tidings of the Gospel have been proclaimed, the unsearchable riches of Christ have been preached, and the faint hearted and desponding have been animated and encouraged under a renewed and humbling sense of the provision made for the Redemption of man: the way of salvation through Jesus Christ.

It is comforting to us to believe from the epistles received from our subordinate meetings, that Friends during the past year, have generally maintained their testimony against wars and fightings, although there are a few exceptions in this respect. And we have now been made to rejoice together that the rebellion in our land is over, and that the bright bow of peace has appeared. That He who ruleth among the kingdoms of men and giveth to whomsoever He will, has caused the wrath of man to praise Him by the overthrow of slavery and oppression and that the remainder of wrath He will restrain — What a favor — may we not individually exclaim, bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

We desire to acknowledge the obligations we are under for these mercies, by increased dedication of heart to our blessed Lord and Savior, that we may manifest our gratitude by being more fruitful in the field of offering, and joyful in the house of prayer.

We apprehend the present times may be a favorable opportunity for the spreading of those Gospel principles of peace by which the honest enquirer after truth may see, that it is not in accordance with the precepts of the gospel to resist evil. We are encouraged to continue exertions for the spread of these principles in the remembrance that our Government while the dreadful war through which we have passed was raging, enacted a law by which members of the Society of Friends are declared noncombatants, and provision is made for those who may be drafted as conscripts whereby they may be excused from serving in the army without any compromise of principle.

We view this as a token of advancing towards the blessed day, when wars and fightings shall cease, and peace shall reign the world over.

We are glad to perceive by your acceptable Epistle of the present year that you sympathize with us in the loss sustained in the assassination of our late beloved President. That while we are bowed as in the dust with grief, we are comforted in the remembrance that He who permitted this dreadful calamity to come upon us, can overrule it for good - that He doeth all things well - that not a sparrow falleth to the ground without His notice.

Our committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting for the purpose of aiding the freedmen, have made an interesting report, by which it appears that they have been engaged in administering to their comfort and relief. And the committee are continued for further service.

Our meeting has been larger than usual, and we have had the company of many of our beloved youth, some of whom are giving evidence by their serious deportment, that they are preparing for usefulness in the Church.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd [illegible] Clerk

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To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in New York.

Dear Friends.

We have received at this time your acceptable epistle of the present month, together with similar testimonials of brotherly regard from all the Yearly Meetings except Philadelphia, and have been comforted in the assurance of the common welfare.

Our meeting has been largely attended and we have had, we trust, cause to rejoice in that the dear Master has again condescended to be with us; - that the canopy of His love has been spread over us; and under its cementing influence we have been sweetly united together and enabled to transact the affairs of the Church in unity and harmony. We have also felt thankful for the evident tokens that the Lord is at work in the hearts of many of our young people, moving them by the secret touches of His love to submit themselves to Him to be formed and fashioned according to His holy will, that they

they may be qualified for His service in the Church and in the world. May they as well as their older brethren both with you and us, now in this time of great commotion be ever ready at the dear Master's bidding for any work He may call for at our hands, and putting on the whole armour of God be enabled to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints and be instrumental in the Divine Hand in bringing sinners to the Saviour.

Close around us the call comes to all to be up and doing — the desolate demand our sympathy, — the sick and disabled our care and assistance, — the poor and ignorant freedmen look to their more favored christian brothers for help, for instruction in the walk of life and to be taught more perfectly in the law of God. The vicious as well as the careless and indifferent should be drawn by the cords of heavenly love to a common Saviour, — and all should have our continued fervent prayers that they might be induced to accept the offers of redeeming love and come to the enjoyment of that peace which is the portion of the redeemed of the Lord.

Thus with all this prospect around us, while we may feel that the work to be done is indeed great, and are ready to cry out "who is sufficient for these things," may we never forget that our sufficiency is of God. — May we bear in mind the command, "Be still and know that I am God."

Let us wait upon Him for the blessed influence and direction of His holy Spirit by whose help alone we can rightly do the Lord's work. Let us look unto Jesus for the fresh anointings of His grace in all our undertakings, and our service whether it be little or much will be accepted with Him.

We have much enjoyed the company of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings who have been led to mingle with us in this our annual assembly, and we have felt that it was an evidence of our Heavenly Father's love renewed to us.

Now to Him who is God over all with the dear Son of His love, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, thro' the Holy Spirit be thanksgiving and glory and honor and blessing - now and forever.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting.
Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

P.S. We are informed in the Epistle from New York Yearly Meeting that that Meeting has granted the privilege to the Friends composing the Quarterly Meetings of Pelham, Yonge Street and West Lake to hold a Yearly Meeting at Pickering, Canada West; to be opened on the last fourth day of sixth month 1867, if approved by the other Yearly Meetings. The proposition claimed the solid consideration of this meeting and was fully united with, and the Clerk is directed to append this minute to our Epistle of the present year addressed to New York Yearly Meeting.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Baltimore.

Dear Friends,

In feeling of Gospel love we salute you, and acknowledge the satisfaction and comfort which your acceptable epistle of last year, together with similar testimonials of regard and sympathy from other Yearly Meetings have afforded us. We long for the day when the interchange, now so unhappily interrupted in the case of our brethren of Philadelphia, may again become universal throughout the brotherhood of Yearly Meetings.

Our meeting, which has been larger than usual, has been a season of Divine favor, and the various concerns which have claimed our attention have been disposed of in harmony and love. We are also comforted by the attendance of our ministering brethren of other Yearly Meetings and thankfully accept their Gospel messages as a token of regard.

The condition of our Society of which [illegible]

Meeting produced by the ravages of war to which a portion of them have been subjected, has awakened feelings of lively interest in their behalf, and we learn with much satisfaction of the efforts of an association of your members for their relief. A Committee has at this time been appointed to receive the willing contributions of Friends for their benefit, and in coöperation with your association.

The situation of those now emerging from the bondage of slavery, still claims our earnest solicitude. The report of our Committee appointed last year to promote efforts for their improvement, has been deeply interesting, and we desire that all our friends may embrace every opportunity to labor for the advancement of this hitherto deeply injured people. They need our help, our kindly advice and sympathy, and our prayers, and may the blessing of our Heavenly Father rest upon all our endeavors.

We are comforted in the belief that the dreadful war with which our beloved country has been torn, is now drawing to its close. While we rejoice with trembling in looking at the not unclouded future we can with confidence commend ourselves and you to the protecting care of the Shepherd of Israel. Whereof the Lord hath told us, "none of them that trust in him shall be desolate."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.
Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dearly beloved Friends.
Through the mercy and loving kindness of the Lord we have been permitted again to meet in this our Annual assembly, and have received acceptable epistles of kindly love from all the Yearly Meetings except Philadelphia, and were [illegible] comforted in the reading of some of them,

through our [illegible] the [illegible] of the late, cruel, civil war. We have forwarded Epistles of [illegible] deeply regretted not receiving any response, which we attribute to the non-intercourse between the South and North, occasioned by the late war. But during this [illegible] state of things, we have not been unmindful of you in your isolated, tried, and suffering position, and many prayers have been offered before the throne of grace, by your friends of this Yearly Meeting, to the God of all our sure mercies, and consolation, that He would guard and protect you, and enable you to put your whole trust and confidence in Him, who will keep such as in the hollow of His hand, till these calamities be overpast. Our hearts have been grieved, when we have heard of [illegible] and the suffering of individual members torn from their [illegible] merciless hand of the oppressor, disregarding the tender consciences of the faithful servants of the Prince of peace. But we rejoice with thankfulness that the cruel hand of active war and bloodshed is now stayed, and the blessing of peace is being restored once more to our beloved country, and may the trials occasioned by this sore chastisement, in mercy, work for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. It was encouraging and comforting to us, to learn by your Epistle, notwithstanding the great commotion of our country, that your Yearly Meeting in attendance was nearly as large as usual, and that the great Head of the Church was pleased to be in your midst, and the [illegible] in attendance have evidence that the Lord's hand was upon them, and qualifying for usefulness in the Church. It is cause of thankfulness [illegible]

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hope and trust there may be raised up, standard
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and Isham Cox from your Yearly Meeting, and
dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose labors in
the gospel have been strengthening and encouraging to us
giving evidence that the Lord has not forgotten us.
We have thankfully to acknowledge the Lord has
been mercifully gracious to us during the several sittings
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[illegible]
may we not adopt the language of the Psalmist, "If
it had not been the Lord, who was on our side,
may Israel say, if it had not been the Lord [illegible]
on our side, when men rose up against us, then they
[illegible]
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hath not given us as a prey to their teeth. Our soul is
escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the
snare is broken, and we are escaped."
Thanks and praise be unto the Lord God and the
Lamb who giveth the victory, now and forever.
With the salutation of love we are your friends
and brethren.

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Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends.

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We are made reverently thankful to the Father
of all our mercies, that in being again permitted to
meet in our annual assembly, we have felt the
presence of the great Head of the Church, binding us
together in harmony and love.
Your Epistle of Fifth mo. last, with those from all

the other Yearly meetings except Philadelphia, has been truly acceptable, strengthening, we trust those ties of brotherly regard, which have so long united us, as one family.

[illegible] ship, flowing from the fulness of the Father's love shed abroad in the heart. There are times in which we feel, in an especial manner, to value them; during the last few years of civil commotion, in which our testimony as to the peaceable nature of the Gospel has been [illegible] tried, we have felt them to be very precious.

It is a great cause of thankfulness, that the effusion of blood has been staid, but while we are thus made [illegible]
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faithful [illegible]
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[illegible] ties of nature, sends sorrow to cheerful homes, and thousands of immortal beings, to an untimely grave, can have no justifying circumstances, under the government of Him, who is the Prince of Peace, and whose spirit breathes "peace on earth and good will to men." Earnest therefore are our desires that all our dear friends may be found faithful [illegible] wrath may be restrained, and a permanent peace on principles of righteousness may be enjoyed in our beloved country.

We have at this time the acceptable company of a large number of Friends from different Yearly Meetings.

The state of [illegible]
[illegible] of all our members, and we have been feelingly reminded of the great responsibility that rests upon us, not to [illegible]
[illegible] this important duty, there is a dwarfishness experienced; whilst [illegible] to wait, with a desire to know His will, [illegible] love of His [illegible], will know their strength to be renewed, and the promise verified, "They shall run and not be weary, they shall

walk and not faint."

For the younger members of our society from whom we are chiefly to look for a succession of "standard bearers", we have felt a deep solicitude. How solemn is the duty that rests upon parents, to instruct them freely in a social manner in the truths of the Gospel, to lead them to the family altar, and to invoke the Divine blessing upon them. If we are unfaithful in these respects, can we stand clear in the presence of Him, by the inspiration of whom one has said "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

With the salutations of love and peace we remain your Friends.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the [illegible].
Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk

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To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

Assembled as we are in the capacity of a Yearly [illegible] our hearts have been contrited together, and [illegible]
of your acceptable Epistle of 10th Month last, together with similar tokens of love from all the other Yearly Meetings except Philadelphia. These evidences of Christian regard from beloved brethren have been strengthening and precious.

Our meeting has been largely attended. Many of our young men are with us, who manifest an increased interest in the truth, giving evidence that they are [illegible] the preparing hand of the great Master for usefulness in His Church.

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returned to its sheath, the bond man having been set free, - all is cause of humiliation of heart, and praise to Him who sitteth upon the throne, and heareth and answereth the prayers of all His dependent children.

The Committee appointed to extend aid and relief to the Freedmen, have given an interesting account of their labors, and they are encouraged to continue their exertions for the relief, the improvement and advancement of that people, now in their hour of need.

The cause of Education and of First day Schools continues to receive the fostering care of this meeting, through our Committee, whose report gives ample encouragement for renewed efforts on our part in this good work.

We have the company of many dear friends from other Yearly meetings, whose labors of love have been strengthening and confirming to us.

Our business has been transacted in harmony and [illegible] the Church to be with us.

Brethren beloved we bid you farewell.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey. Clerk

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To Western Yearly meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends.

We salute you as brethren beloved in the Lord, and acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable Epistle of 9th mo. last. In this and similar communications from other Yearly Meetings our friends are brought near [illegible] affection [illegible]

[illegible] that memorable [illegible]

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[illegible] the followers of [illegible]

[illegible]

"Be ye kindly affectioned one to another in brotherly love." May these bonds of christian fellowship continue to unite us as a people.

Our meeting has been large, and we have been favored through the goodness of God to transact the affairs of the Church in harmony and brotherly love.

We have at this time the company of many beloved Friends from other Yearly Meetings, and we acknowledge with you that we have been "blessed together." Our [illegible] report showing a continued interest in the guarded education of our youth. By information furnished [illegible] there is an increasing interest in Scriptural instruction.

We have been earnestly laboring during the past year to alleviate the sufferings of those who are being [illegible] from bondage, and much has been done for their benefit. Our hearts are made to rejoice that the [illegible] closed. Truly "the Lord on high is mightier than the [illegible]."

[illegible] through this trying season continue to watch over our beloved country.

And may that God who gathered us to be a [illegible] show forth His praise keep us on the one [illegible] Christ Jesus the rock of ages.

With the salutation of love we are your [illegible]

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey. Clerk.

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To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends.

We greet you, dear Friends in the fulness of Gospel love, and acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable Epistle of the [illegible] last, You are brought very near to us with desires that you and ourselves may be more and more firmly established not only in those distinctive views which as a religious Society are precious to us, but especially in those fundamental doctrines of love to God, and Faith in the atoning blood of Christ, which lie at the root of all religious growth.

We look with peculiar interest upon your Yearly Meeting, composed as it is chiefly of members who have recently emigrated from widely separated districts, all bringing with them, local attachments, and possibly, in some instances, sectional prejudices. It needs a large share of that "Charity which suffereth long and is kind", which is "gentle and easy to be entreated", to bring all into a harmonious whole; that as a united body, we may "adorn the doctrine of God our Savior."

Our present meeting has been one of precious and [illegible]

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Our hearts are filled with joy at the return of peace. So are we thankful that our Heavenly Father has so very evidently overruled events, that the very means instituted to perpetuate slavery, have brought about its complete overthrow.

The almost universal sympathy that has been felt by our members towards the Government in its struggle against wicked and causeless rebellion, has led a few of them to act inconsistently with our testimony to the unlawfulness of all war; but we rejoice that our Society has been remarkably preserved during the last four years [illegible], and that its love to God and faith in an overruling Providence has been strengthened.

In conclusion, may we unite with you in a fervent petition to our Omnipotent Preserver, that as He has blessed us more than we could ask or think, in great measure sparing our society from loss and trial, during a war of almost unexampled fury and suffering, He would enable us as a small recognition of this merciful favor, to devote our property, our talents, and our [illegible]

With much love, we are your friends.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth on First day the 10th and at Newport, for discipline on second day morning the 11th of Sixth month 1866.

By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends are appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:
From Rhode Island — David Buffum, Isaac Peck, Samuel Gifford, Levi Almy, William A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, Thomas Harkness, Obadiah Chase and Joseph H. Atwater.
From Salem — Daniel Breed, Samuel Boyce, Thomas Folsom, Nathan Breed of Lynn and John Page.
From Sandwich — Joseph Grinnell, William C. Taber, Rufus Shearman, George Almy, Daniel Davis, Calvin Shepherd, Newell Hoxie, David K. Akin, Stephen Cottingham, Isaac R. Gifford and Gideon Gifford.
From Falmouth — Henry M. Minot, Abram Winslow, Silas Cartland, George Douglass, Charles W. Wetherell, Calvin S. Goddard, Joshua Douglass, Lemuel Jones and Charles A. Nichols.
From Smithfield — James G. Arnold, John Barnes, Moses H. Collins, Reuben A. Wheeler, Timothy K. Earle and Isaac Steere.
From Vassalboro' John D. Lang, Caleb Nichols, Francis Jones, Eli Jones, William Taber, Thomas B. Nichols, Daniel Cook and Joseph Taber.
From Dover — Stephen Breed, Benjamin Scribner, Joel Roberts, Jacob K. Purington, and Daniel Meader,
From Fairfield — Moses Bailey, Charles F. Coffin, William [illegible], Paul Meigs, Isaac Hanson Hawkes, and Reuben J. Jones,
whose names being called they were all present except three, for whose absence sufficient reasons were assigned.

We have, at this meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friends, John L. Eddy, David M. Bennett, [illegible] Bedell and Elizabeth L. Comstock, from New York Yearly Meeting; Samuel Bettle, from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; John Scott and Deborah C. Thomas, from Baltimore Yearly Meeting; Jesse T. Hartley and Rebecca T. Updegraff from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Jacob Hadley and Benjamin Fulghum from Indiana Yearly Meeting; and of Eli Jessup from Iowa Yearly Meeting. Satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements were received.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Mary Eddy, accompanying her husband John L. Eddy, Maria Willets companion to our dear friend Deborah C. Thomas, and Lucinda Hadley, accompanying her husband Jacob Hadley, and satisfactory testimonials from their several Meetings, expressing unity with them as Elders and with their present engagements were presented and read.

Our beloved friend, Mary B. Jessup, accompanying her husband, Eli Jessup is in attendance of this meeting, and a minute from Spring Creek Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with her as a member, and with her present engagement, was read. We have also the company of our beloved friend, Hannah G. Pettit, as companion to our friend, Rebecca T. Updegraff, and a satisfactory testimonial as her [illegible] was received from a Committee of [illegible] Monthly Meeting.

The general Epistle from London Yearly Meeting of 18[illegible], was brought before us and read. We are touched, and we trust edified with the excellent counsel contained in it, and in order that our friends generally may have the privilege of perusing it, we appoint our friends William A. [illegible] and William C. [illegible] to attend to the distribution of a reprint of 3700 copies, and we affectionately recommend to friends not only to attend themselves to the wise, practical advice contained in it, but to give it such public circulation among those not members of our religious society as way may open for.

We are in receipt of affectionate and truly acceptable Epistles from our dear brethren in Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western and Iowa Yearly Meetings, and reciprocating this manifestation of unity and Christian interest, we appoint the following Friends to prepare Essays of Epistles to those several meetings, and also to London, whose Epistle of the present year has not yet reached our hands, and present them to a future sitting of this Meeting, viz. David Buffum, [illegible], John [illegible], Eli Jones, William C. Taber, [illegible], Samuel Boyce, [illegible], John Paige, John Barns, John Milton Earle, Isaac R. Gifford, [illegible], Joseph [illegible], [illegible] Jones, [illegible], Thomas B. Nichols, James G. Arnold, Benjamin H. Jones, Stephen Reede, Henry T. Wood, William A. Jones, Newell Hoxie, Gilbert Congdon, Charles B. Cates, William Taber, Joseph Cartland, Newell Ordway, William A. Robinson, Stephen Dillingham, John G. Whittier, and [illegible].

By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that Rhode Island has united with [illegible] Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah F. [illegible] to the station of Elder. [illegible] an Elder and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting deceased 10th month 31st 1865, aged 79 years 6 months and 10 days.

Hannah C. Robinson, a minister and member of Swansey Monthly Meeting, died 7th month 31st 1865 aged [illegible] years, [illegible] months, and [illegible] days.

Salem informs that it has united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Daniel Reede, and in the appointment of Josiah Folsom to the station of Elder; that Martha Meader, a minister and member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 31st of 10th Month 1865. in the 78th year of her age.

Sandwich reports that Huldah Gifford, a Minister and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, deceased 12th month 12th 1865. aged 84 years, 4 months, 20 days; and that Anna C. Almy, an Elder and member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting died 1st month 31st 1866, aged 66 years 3 months and 18 days.

Falmouth reports that it has united with Durham

Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Calvin S. Goddard; that Eunice Day, a minister and member of the same Meeting, deceased 4th Month 5th 1866. aged 52 years, 5 Months and 9 days; and also, that Charity Crossman, an Elder, died on the 5th of 5th Month, 1866. aged 80 years 2 months and 4 days.

Smithfield reports that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abigail S. Potter and Lucy G. Hayward to the station of Elders; that [illegible] Gates, an Elder and member of Bolton Monthly Meeting, died 11th Month 19th 1865. aged 92 years, 5 Months and 17 days; and that Phebe S. Jones, an Elder and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting deceased 1st month 25th 1866 aged 68 years 6 months and ten days.

Vassalboro' reports that it has united with China Monthly Meeting in discontinuing the appointment of Henry Cary to the station of Elder; with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in appointing Elijah Cook and Stephen Jepson, with China Monthly meeting in the appointment of Benjamin Dye and William A. Jones, and with Unity Monthly Meeting in appointing Reuben Blanchard and Frank Blanchard to the station of Elder: James Van Blarcom a minister and member of China Monthly Meeting, died 7th month 12th 1865. aged 47 years 11 months 15 days. Nathan Morse, an Elder, died 8th Month 7th 1865. aged 89 years 6 Months; Anna Cates, a minister, died 10th Month, 25th 1865, aged 66 years 8 Months 15 days; and Edmund Whitehouse, an Elder, deceased 1st month 10th 1866, aged 85 years 2 months 12 days; all members of Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting.

Fairfield informs of the decease of James S. Shepherd an Elder, and member of St. Albans Monthly Meeting 3rd month 29th 1864, aged 64 years 1 Month and 12 days.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — Met according to adjournment.

David Buffum, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and Charles R. Smith for assistant Clerk, for the present year, which being satisfactory to the meeting, they are appointed to those stations.

The Committee in charge of our Boarding School presented the subjoined Report, which is accepted by this Meeting, and the propositions contained therein are approved and adopted, and the Committee now under appointment is continued, to unite with a Similar committee of the Women's Meeting, to exercise a care over the Institution on our behalf and to report to this meeting next year, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends,-

The Committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School during the past year, report, that in the Summer term of the School there were in attendance one hundred and ten pupils, viz.: Sixty seven males and forty three females; and in the winter term, one hundred and sixty four, viz.: ninety nine males and sixty five females

The officers of the Institution have been Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, associate Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the Female Department; John F. Rowell, Bessie T. Wing, Mary A. Carroll and Amy E. Johnson, teachers in the English branches; Elijah Cook, teacher of Mathematics; William E. Phillips, teacher of ancient and modern Languages; and Mary A. Potter, teacher of drawing. Under this organization, which has continued the same as it was at our last report, the interests of the Institution, in every respect, have received careful and satisfactory attention.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School house on First day mornings; and we humbly trust, through Divine mercy, these religious opportunities have been blessed. The Scholars continue to attend Friend's Meeting, in the City, on First day afternoons, and in the middle of the week. The Holy Scriptures have been daily read in a collective capacity, and a knowledge of their invaluable contents has been further promoted by Class exercises.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been uncommonly good during the past year. Careful and [illegible] interests have continued to claim the attention of the officers of the school. On the 12th of 8th Month, one of the pupils, Eugene Dean, son of Nicholas Dean of New Shoreham R.I., fell from a tree receiving internal injury which resulted in death about eight hours after. The following minute concerning this impressive event was made on our records; "We note, with feelings of solemn interest, the information conveyed in the Report from the Principal, of the sudden removal from time to eternity of a dear pupil. While we sympathize with the afflicted family of the deceased, we are comforted in the belief, that through the mercy of God in Jesus Christ, their sore bereavement is his great gain."

By the Report of the Committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole income for the past year exceeds the amount expended by five thousand dollars, which enables us to propose a reduction in the price of admission.

Under the authority given us by the Yearly Meeting last year, we forwarded in the 9th month, copies of a printed circular to all our Monthly meetings informing of a reduction in the rates of admission, which took effect at the beginning of the winter term, as follows, viz.: "For members of our Yearly Meeting, $65 per term; for members of other Yearly Meetings, and when one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge of such, $100 per term, and for any others who may be admitted, $150 per term. The same additional charges of five dollars for Latin and Greek, French, German, or Drawing, as heretofore.

The subject of the present division of the school year into two terms, with vacations of nearly equal length in the Spring and autumn, has claimed our careful consideration; this arrangement continues the school in operation all the warm season of the year, when study cannot be pursued with entire profit, nor without the risk of affecting the health. From many of parents we have received the expression of a desire, that a change might be made, and, as far as we know, it would be satisfactory to all. After mature deliberation we have come to the conclusion to propose to the Yearly Meeting that the academical year in 1867 should commence on the first [illegible] day in the ninth month, and continue twenty weeks, to be succeeded by a second period of twenty weeks, after a recess of two weeks. It is very desirable that the pupils should enter for the full year, as they would receive much greater proportional advantages than by continuing but half of the time. While we earnestly recommend this course, when practicable, we do not propose at present that it should be made obligatory, but that liberty should be granted for withdrawal from the School at the commencement of the recess, when application is made therefor at the time of admission. The ensuing year must necessarily be exceptional. The present term closes on Fourth day, the 26th of 9th Month and the School re-opens on Fourth day, the 31st of 10th Month, and we propose it should continue sixteen weeks, and, after a recess of two weeks, re-assemble and continue sixteen weeks more, closing on Fourth day, the 26th of of 6th month, 1867.

The charge for the ensuing school year of thirty two wks we propose should be as follows, one half payable at the commencement of the School, and one half at the re-opening after the recess, viz: For members of our Yearly Meeting $96.; for members of other Yearly Meetings, and when one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge of such $150; and for any others who may be admitted $240. An additional charge of $10. for instruction in Latin and Greek, French, German, and in Drawing.

Applications for admission into the School for the next School year, should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 25th of 9th month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of of all others, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the 'Charitable Fund' or of the 'Jacob Metcalf Donation' should apply at the time when applying; and in all these cases information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal of Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R.I.

In a review of the past year, we do gratefully acknowledge that we have had evidence that our—

blessing of Heaven has [illegible] been on it, and that the School continues to be a blessing to many.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Gilbert Congdon, Clerk.

Providence 5th Month 8th 1866.

Committee.

Samuel Boyce Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Austin, Charles R. Tucker, Moses Buffum, Stephen A. Chase, William A. Robinson, John H. Lang and Alden Sampson.

Susan Howland, Rhoda M. Taber, Sarah F. Tobey, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary A. Smith, Lucy B. Robinson, Mary A. Tucker, Sarah D. Sampson, Ann B. Earle, Anna J. Dennis and Rebecca C. Grinnell.

Our several Quarterly Meetings report that they have given the necessary attention to raising the Stock directed by this Meeting last year, and the following friends are appointed to settle the Treasurer's account, consider the sum proper to be raised the present year, and propose the name of a friend for Treasurer and report to a future sitting of this Meeting, viz: William A. Robinson, Thomas Robinson, Charles R. Tucker, Henry M. Newell, Timothy R. Earle, Josiah Philbrook, Tobias Meader and Levi Jones.

We appoint the following friends to prepare a Summary of the answers to the queries, and present it at our next sitting, viz:- Gideon C. Smith, John Pope, David Kelley, Samuel Jones, Samuel H. Cotton, Charles B. Cates, Stephen Beede and William Tarr.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Third day Morning the 12th, the Meeting again assembled. The Representatives present as yesterday.

We are informed by Fairfield Quarterly Meeting that Charles E. Kelley appeals from the decision of that Meeting confirming the judgment of Litchfield Monthly Meeting in his case, and that they had appointed a committee to represent the action of that Meeting. The Committee are present in this Meeting, but the appellant not appearing to prosecute his appeal, the case is not proceeded in, but left to be disposed of according to Discipline.

The meeting now proceeded, under, we trust, a solemn covering of good, to the consideration of the state of Society by commencing the reading of the Queries and Answers, and having proceeded therein to the 2d inclusive, adjourned to the 4th hour in the afternoon — when Friends again convened and read the remainder of them. During this engagement we have had evidence of the presence of the Great Head of the Church. Faithful responses from our subordinate meetings have, as in former times, given evidence of our fallibility — of our weakness — of our continued need of divine help.

The two great commandments relative to love to God and love to man — on which our Lord declares hang all the Law and the Prophets — are the basis of our first two Queries. Our Meetings for Worship are held to manifest our sense of our dependence upon and our allegiance to our Heavenly Father. We go up to these to bow ourselves in His presence — to pray unto Him to forgive us our sins and blot out our transgressions from his book of remembrance — to commune in Spirit with Him — to adore and bless His holy name; and when we feel that we are utterly poor and dependent upon Him — that He _gave_ life and that He alone _preserves_ life — that He openeth His hand and we are filled with blessings — that He shuts it and we wither, the plaintive Query arises, how can we withhold from Him the reasonable service of worship and praise. It has been the exercise of this meeting that there might be none of our members that do not feel it to be a _privilege_ to worship the God of Heaven — none that cannot adopt the language of the Psalmist, "I was glad when they said unto me, come let us go into the house of the Lord," — and it was earnestly and convincingly set before us that our meetings would prove attractive and edifying to all if we assembled in the true love of God and were engaged to hold them in His power. His promise is sure that He will draw nigh unto them that draw nigh unto Him. It has been abundantly verified that when the few or the many meet in the name of Jesus, He will be with them and will minister by his own hand, or by instruments, that He will appoint, to their necessities. The language of encouragement was freely offered to those who feel solitary and very much alone, to attend all their religious meetings, and thus manifest their love to our Heavenly Father. God is love — how sweet the thought — and they that dwell in Him dwell in love; and if we love Him we shall love our neighbor. If the first commandment is kept, the second cannot be broken. If love fills the hearts it will flow forth to one another. We shall be preserved from every approach towards detraction. Love will always beget love; it will subdue all hardness towards us in others, and evil will be overcome by good. "If a man's ways please the Lord all his enemies shall be at peace with him". We were earnestly counselled, carefully to observe the directions of the Head of the Church in our course towards a brother that offends against us.

The answer to the 3^d^ query, in relation to the frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures in our families, indicates that this may not be observed so uniformly in all Friends families as could be desired, and the meeting was introduced into a feeling exercise on this vital subject. From the earliest time in our history this religious Society has enjoined upon its members to be engaged to know the Holy Scriptures; to receive them as able to make wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus; to ponder upon them; to esteem them as a communication from God himself to man; and we are now concerned again to entreat Friends, not only to read portions of them in their families every day, with reverent pauses at the close of the reading, for an opportunity to be afforded for any religious concern that may rightly engage us, but also that individually, in retirement, we may often turn to them, seeking for ability to know them to be opened to our understandings and sealed upon our hearts.

In dealing with those who offend against the order of the Church, while we desire that our christian discipline should be faithfully maintained, we crave that offenders may be visited in the "spirit of meekness and wisdom," and in the restoring love of Christ; that patience and forbearance may be exercised, and great care taken that, if it shall please the Lord to impress upon their spirits a sense of their error, there may be no estrangement produced in their minds, to prevent a return to us. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye that are spiritual restore such an one, in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted."

The support of all our Christian testimonies, in their simplicity and in their purity, was earnestly enjoined; and although some of them may be viewed by some of our members as minor testimonies, yet we are fully convinced they are founded on immutable Truth, and that it is not for us to neglect faithfully to maintain them, without bringing poverty to ourselves and lessening our influence for good upon our fellow men.

In the course of this Yearly Meeting, the duties we owe to our families, to our friends and to the world at large, have been impressively spread before us. We have been affectionately reminded of the innumerable blessings which our Heavenly Father has poured out upon us, and for all of which we are responsible to Him. He has bestowed upon every one gifts which he is called to occupy. Nothing which we have received from His bountiful hand is to be neglected or suffered to perish from disuse. We are accountable to Him for the right employment of the one talent, as of the five. They come from the same Source, and no pleading will avail before Him for neglecting to employ them.

The measure of grace bestowed is increased,—our ability to serve Him is enlarged as we come to put our trust in Him. We need an increase of Faith. We need more fully to realize that He who gave us life still watches over us, and is ever a God near at hand, full of mercy and of love,—directing, comforting, helping all who look unto Him for guidance and for help. Then He qualifies, then He strengthens to do His will,—to keep His commandments. Searching has been the inquiry how far we, who are parents, have discharged our duties to our precious children. Have we sought for ability to lead them unto Jesus? Have told them of His love in leaving the bosom of His Father and shedding His blood upon the cross a propitiatory offering for sin? Have we sought to fill their tender hearts with a sense of His love as a living Saviour in Heaven, now looking graciously upon them? Have we taught them that the Holy Spirit.— the Divine Guide,— the Heavenly Comforter,— is the voice that speaketh in their hearts; that brings grief when they do ill, that gives them peace when they do well? Have we shown them that we are trusting in Jesus for our own salvation? Have we bowed the knee before them in prayer? Have they witnessed the falling tear manifesting our tender solicitude for their eternal welfare? Do they behold in us, from day to day, a practical evidence that we love the Saviour, — that our trust is in Him, — that we are engaged to keep His Commandments? Have we sought to cause them to feel that the invitation is to every one of them: "Come unto me"; and that the promise is sure: "him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out"? Have we assured them that as they listen to the voice of the Divine Comforter, — as they ask for forgiveness of their sins, — they will be enabled to come unto Jesus, to love Him with all their hearts, and to know that He loves them; that His commandments are not grievous, that His yoke is easy, and that it is a joyous employment to serve Him? What father does not feel that, in all these duties, he has been, in greater or less degree, deficient, and does not realize that he himself needs to crave that pardoning mercy may be extended to him.

The language of entreaty and of encouragement has freely flowed to our beloved young members attending this Meeting to come to Jesus, — to give their hearts to Him; and now in early life to enter into covenant, in that ability and strength which He giveth, to do His Commandments and to keep His words.

The following is a summary of the answers received, viz.

## Summary of Answers.

Answer 1st. All our meetings for Religious Worship and Discipline have been attended, except five, three of which were omitted on account of inclement weather; and one account states that there were some omissions, in a small Indulged Meeting, which is held on First day only. Meetings on First Days have been attended by Friends generally; Mid-week meetings and those for discipline are much neglected. The hour nearly observed. A few instances of sleeping are mentioned in all of the accounts, in some of which care has been taken. Clear of other unbecoming behaviour, except in one Monthly Meeting, in which some care has been extended.

2d Love and unity are maintained, with a few exceptions.

Most Friends are careful to guard against detraction. When differences have appeared, care has been taken to end them.

3rd Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness, and to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, though some deficiencies are admitted. Mostly good example [illegible]. The Holy Scriptures, we believe, are frequently read in nearly all Friends families.

4th The use of spirituous liquors appears to be confined to medicinal purposes, except in three instances, two of which are under notice.

A few cases of attending places of public resort are reported. Moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions referred to.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and their necessities relieved. The education of their children is provided for. None have been placed out.

6th A few cases of marrying out of the order of Friends, are mentioned, and also two or three instances of keeping company on account of marriage with those who are not members of our Society, — most of which are under notice.

7th A few instances are reported of contributing to the support of a paid ministry, and some cases of a military nature, to nearly all of which care has been taken.

8th Friends are careful, in the several parts of this query, excepting some deficiencies mentioned in two accounts.

9th Some deficiencies as to Records, and a few removals without certificates, are reported, some of which are under notice.

10th Care has been taken to deal with offenders in good degree, as queried after, yet not so seasonably, in all cases, as would be best. Judgment appears to have been placed according to Discipline.

Adjourned to 10 O'clock tomorrow morning.

Fourth Day Morning, the 13th the Meeting reassembled according to adjournment. The Representatives present, except four.

The committee to settle the Treasurer's account made the following report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.—

The committee appointed for the purpose have examined the account of the Treasurer, and find due him, Six hundred and seventy one $\frac{25}{100}$ dollars ($671\frac{25}{100}$)

They propose that the sum of three thousand dollars ($3000) be raised by the Yearly Meeting, and the name of David Buffum for Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Wm A Robinson
for the Committee

Newport 6th month 12th 1866.

And our several Quarterly Meetings are accordingly directed to raise their respective quotas of the sum proposed ($3000) and pay the same to our friend David Buffum, whom we re-appoint our Treasurer for the ensuing year.

We have received from our dear brethren of Ohio Yearly Meeting, an invitation to appoint a committee to unite with committees of other Yearly Meetings in Conference at Baltimore, to deliberate upon the subject of adopting such measures as may be promotive of Peace among nations. This interesting proposition claimed the solid consideration of this meeting; and the importance of bearing, in the most efficient manner, our christian testimony against War, especially at the present day, when a warlike spirit seems grievously to prevail, was solemnly felt, and we appoint our friends Samuel Boyce, William C. Taber, Gilbert Congdon, John Page and Joseph Cartland, to meet with such friends of other Yearly Meetings as may convene at Baltimore, in the 10th month next, to consider the best means to promote the cause of Peace, and to manifest to the world that our testimony against all War is founded upon the clear teachings of the Gospel; and in adopting any measures to render this testimony most effective for good, we believe it right that this religious Society should move as a distinct body, not entering into any alliances that can in any way obstruct us in the practical observance of our vital faith, that in all our religious labors we are to seek immediate direction and qualification from Him whose cause we are engaged to promote.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were laid before us and read, and the proceedings of that meeting are approved. The Friends now under appointment, (with the exception of our late dear friend Micajah C. Pratt, deceased) are continued to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings, to act on our behalf on such subjects as may claim their attention according to our Discipline.

Members of Meeting for Sufferings:- David Buffum, Jiry Peck, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Samuel Boyce, Edward W. Aikin, Stephen A. Chase, William Jenks, William C. Taber, Silas Meader, Alden Sampson, William A. Robinson, Stephen Dean, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Battey, Henry M. Merritt, Elihu Jones of Windham, John Page, Charles R. Tucker, Lemuel Sisson, Nathan Breed of Lynn, George Bowen, Abel Hoxie, Edward Kelley, Moses Huntington, Edward Cole and Joseph Cartland of North Providence.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.— Friends again assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on Education presented the subjoined Report, which is satisfactory and interesting to us, and the Friends now under appointment, (with the substitution of the name of Abraham J. Huntington for that of Robert L. Dean, in Seabrook Monthly Meeting,) are continued, to give their attention to the concern of this meeting in relation to the religious and literary education of our youth. We desire their encouragement in their labors, and trust a blessing may rest upon them. Much tender solicitude was evinced that the establishment of First day Schools may be industriously promoted, and that they may be so conducted as to prove instrumental in advancing the best interests of our precious children. We believe it right to record upon our minutes that, while this important and interesting subject claimed the attention of this Meeting, we were tendered and baptized together: and may the remembrance of the great mercy of the Lord now witnessed remain abidingly upon our minds.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the subject of Education Report— That we believe the Friends [illegible] the Committee have endeavored to labor in the several Monthly Meetings, for the promotion of the object for which they were appointed. And although the reports may not show much improvement, in comparing one year with another, yet it is evident that, in the aggregate, much has been accomplished during the twenty years which have transpired since the subject claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting. We are convinced, however, there is still great necessity for earnest, united, prayerful labor, not only on the part of Committees, but for all the members of our Society to endeavor to promote, by every laudable means, the guarded, religious and literary education of our dear youth and children.

Circulars have been sent to each Monthly Meeting and the following statistical information has been received, which is believed to be full and correct.

On behalf of the Committee

Samuel Gifford, Clerk.

Newport 6th month 13th 1866.

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| The number of Friends children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of 5 and 21 years | 986. |
| The number of Monthly Meeting Schools | 2. |
| The number of Preparative Meeting Schools | 1. |
| The number of Family Schools | 3. |
| The number of Friends children who have attended School the past year | 879. |
| The number of Friend's children who have attended Schools taught by Friends, or under their control | 244 |
| The number of our members engaged in teaching | 131. |
| The number of our Members obtaining an Education at Academies and Colleges not under the care of Friends | 34 |
| The number of First-day schools under the care of Friends | 17 |
| Average length of time these Schools are kept | 8 month |
| The number of Scholars attending these schools | 1.562. |
| The number of Friends attending the same | 821. |
| The number of Teachers engaged in them | 208. |
| The number of Bible classes | 17. |
| The number attending Bible classes | 275. |
| The number of Friends attending Bible classes | 219. |
| The number of Friends belonging to the Yearly Meeting in the 1st of 5th month, 1866. | 4.674. |

## Committee

Joseph E. Macomber, Solomon R. Kneeland, Samuel Austin, Albert C. Collins, Samuel Gifford, Nathan Breed of Mass., John H. Chapman, Abraham J. Huntington, Edward W. Cox, Nathan C. Shepherd, Matthew Varney, Isaac R. Peters, Adrian Lewis, Charles Jacobs, Isaac Stone, Nathan Babcock, Timothy K. Cobb, George Douglass, Henry M. Minott, Nathan Pope, Silas H. Cartland, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, Amos D. Farrington, Arnold C. Buffum, George Varney, George Richardson, Zeno Jones, Joseph S. Hawkes, Benjamin G. Shepherd, and Rowland L. Moo.

Womens Committee. — Cynthia Bowne, Gulielma Hussey, Mary H. Alcott, Mary W. Chase, Mary Hale, Lydia S. Chase, Elizabeth Page, Susan E. Buck, Elizabeth C. Wing, Ruth A. Shepherd, Lydia Swain, Huldah B. Gifford, Rebecca A. Chase, Susan Jacobs, Abigail S. Batty, Lydia B. Mor, Abigail Meader, Jane C. Minott, Salome J. Goddard, Lydia M. Pope, Anna H. Cartland, Rachel B. Nichols, Sybil Jones, Jane H. Varney, Anna M. Evans, Eliza P. Varney, Abagail Gould, Hannah R. Wing, Mary J. Page and Zilpha Shepherd.

The Committee on the Concern of this Meeting for the Freed People of Color presented the following report, which is very interesting and satisfactory to us, and the propositions therein made are approved. The Friends now under appointment, with the addition of our Friends, Charles B. Cates, Paul Wing, of [illegible] Monthly Meeting, Joseph T. Nichols, John G. Whittier, Joseph Cartland, and Thomas E. Shove are continued to act on behalf of this Meeting: and to encourage and sustain them in their important work, we recommend that our Quarterly Meetings raise, as nearly in the usual proportions as practicable, the sum of $7.000, and pay the same to the Treasurer of the Committee, as early in the 11th Month next, and that such other voluntary contributions of money, clothing or other articles be made as circumstances may seem to require.

"To the Yearly Meeting

The joint committee under appointment to promote effort for the relief and improvement of the Freed People of Color report, that our efforts and the contributions of Friends have been principally directed to the maintenance of the Mission at Washington, and considerable time has been spent there by some of the Committee in a personal supervision of its affairs.

Our means of usefulness have been materially increased by the kind and efficient co-operation of the officers of the Freedmen's Bureau, who, while availing themselves of the opportunity of giving orders upon our store for small supplies to the destitute and suffering under their care, have, through their agency, enabled us to procure, direct from the Commissary Department, at Government prices, many of our wants for the mission family, thereby materially reducing the cost of its maintenance.

Our friend, Wm A. Sampson, has continued in charge of the Store; and his energy and persevering labor has greatly contributed to its usefulness.* The Capital now employed in furnishing a stock of goods for the store is $3.700. The whole amount of sales to 3rd Mo: 31st 1866. is $49.749. The colored people, by purchasing their goods at this establishment at cost prices, have saved at least 20 per cent, of their earnings, while its benefits have been more widely extended by the great reduction of the exorbitant prices charged in other shops in the city frequented by the Freedmen.

The Freedmen's Bureau have urged the establishment of another store in a different position, and have offered to provide a suitable building, provided Friends would furnish the stock and assume its management. The subject is, in our estimation, worthy of consideration, could a suitable person be obtained to be placed in charge.

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| Our Executive Committee have, since last year, purchased seven lots of land very near the Mission buildings, containing 17.500 feet, at a cost of | $2.125.00 |
| Cost of three houses, with sheds and yards, complete for twelve families, | 3.016.18. |
| They have also drawn from the Treasury for building another house, now under contract to contain four tenements | 1.700.00 |
| | $6.841.18 |

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* James Clothier and Robert Fry, two Friends residing in Washington, have frequently rendered very efficient aid to Wm A. Sampson by their attendance at the Store and the Committee [illegible] their appreciation of the service.

The land was arranged for six of these houses, each to accommodate four families, and should the necessary funds be contributed, we commend to Friends the subject of the erection of the remaining two houses during the present year.

Our Sub-Committee report that hardly any branch of our operations has been more beneficial to these peoples or more effectual in raising them in the scale of civilization and social improvement than these little homes. The stimulating effect upon the community, when they have seen in what comparative comfort the few occupants of our houses can live, has been unmistakable. The high prices charged for rent of the little shanties in the neighborhood have been considerably reduced since our houses were built; and the landlords have been forced to render some of the Cabins more comfortable, in order to satisfy the occupants.

## The School,

On the 6th of 10th month last, our Superintendents, Richard and Abby D. Batty returned to Washington, and have continued in the discharge of their varied duties until this time. In accordance with the recommendation of the Yearly Meeting, their first care was to prepare a room for school, which was opened on the 17th of 10th month with 25 scholars. The attendance rapidly increased, and another room was soon found necessary, which was seated with 50 small chairs for the infant department. The Schools under the care of Rebecca H. Mason as Principal, and Sarah D. Cary and Mary L. Haines as Assistants, have, we believe, been faithfully and ably sustained. The average attendance has been 188. These teachers will continue the schools until the 1st of 7th Month.

An evening school for adults was sustained during six Months for three evenings in the week, with an attendance varying from 60 to 80 scholars. All the members of the family are engaged in the school as teachers, and numerous instances of a remarkable aptness for learning and of rapid improvement are observed.

One of the most deeply interesting features of the Mission is our First Day School, with an attendance sometimes reaching 200 pupils. We desire gratefully to acknowledge the valuable assistance of several residents of Washington, who kindly volunteered as teachers in the school.

The Sewing School has been vigorously kept up under the supervision of Abby D. Betts, assisted by Maria J. [illegible] and [illegible] E. [illegible], who have rendered their laborious services, gratuitously for the greater part of the time. One hundred and seventy four women have been employed, who have made 1257 garments, and have been paid for the work $680.99.

## Visiting Agent.

Sarah E. Hall has been an efficient visitor to the poor and destitute, and has distributed gratuitously, up to the 1st instant 4,000 articles of bedding and clothing (including 200 blankets)

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| amounting to | $4,500. |
| Groceries amounting to | 600. |
| Fuel | 512. |
| Shoes | 500 |

Our visitor reports at the present time, some sickness among the people, and is very desirous that one may be sent to take her place in caring for the sick and suffering, while she takes a recess, which she greatly needs.

The Freedmen's Bureau, in their plan of operations for the City, issued a commission to Sarah E. Hall, as visiting agent for our district on their behalf, and have in other respects kindly co-operated with us in our labors.

Some attention has been given to instruction in making baskets, husk mats, and in straw braiding, but the Committee believe that, for the next winter, teachers should be especially employed for this department. There is a large class of persons who, from various causes, will remain in the city, to whom some employment of this kind would be a great blessing, and enable them in a good measure to maintain themselves instead of depending on charity. The necessity of providing employment, rather than giving alms to these people, has forced itself upon us, as the demoralization resulting from the latter course has become more apparent, and we earnestly recommend that the future efforts of Friends in their behalf should be principally in this direction.

Upon a review of the field, we are united in the belief that the interests and necessities of the Freedmen continue to claim the care and sympathy of Friends, and that the maintenance of our establishment at Washington is still greatly needed.

The current expenses of the Mission family and the schools will amount to between four and five thousand dollars for the coming year, and we would again recommend the liberal contributions of Friends for this object. It will be seen by Friends, that the design of the Committee has been to render the establishment more largely self-sustaining in the future, and this design necessarily involves the accumulation of some property in Washington. With this view, we would suggest to the Yearly Meeting that the property, purchased by the voluntary contributions of Friends, and any funds eventually accruing from it, should, under the direction of the Meeting, be devoted to the permanent improvement and education of the Freed people, in such manner as future circumstances may render expedient.

Our Sub-Committee are desirous of conveying to the Yearly Meeting through this channel, their sense of obligation to our Mission Superintendents, Richard and Abby J. Battey, for their hearty co-operation in the work, and also their thanks to all the officers of the Mission, whose zeal and self-sacrificing devotion, has greatly strengthened our hands, and entitled them to the gratitude of Friends.

For the Committee

Henry T. Wood, Clerk.

Newport 6th Month 12th 1866.

The committee to prepare a report of the contributions to the Freedmen, since our last Yearly Meeting, present the following statement

Received

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| from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, per accounts | | | | $1.902.00 |
| Salem | " | " | " | 1.443.00 |
| Sandwich | " | " | " | 3.737.98 |
| Smithfield | " | " | " | 509.05 |
| Dover | " | " | " | 935.40 |
| Falmouth | " | " | " | 193.00 |
| Vassalboro | " | " | " | 10.00 |
| Fairfield | | | " | 508.00 |
| Total amount from all Quarterly Meetings | | | | $9.238.43 |

By the above statement, it appears that there has been raised in cash this year } $5.143.22

And in clothing and goods 4.095.21

$9.238.43

## Received from other sources.

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| English Friends, 7 packages of goods | $800.00 |
| Freedmen's Bureau 1 Case goods and wood | 400.00 |
| Philadelphia Friends, 50 pr blankets and other goods | 434.00 |
| Worcester Freedmen's Society, 2 boxes goods | 181.78 |
| St James Church, Woonsocket, 1 box goods | 30.00 |
| Soldiers Aid Society, North Sharon and South Dedham, One Case goods | $34.00 |
| North Sharon and South Dedham, Cash | 50.00 |
| | $1,929.78 |

## Expended for the Mission at Washington.

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| Purchasing land | $2,625.00 |
| Appropriated to the building of houses, fences and sheds | 4,216.15 |
| School teachers salaries and travelling expenses | 772.72 |
| School books, fuel &c | 174.49 |
| Mission agents, including salaries, travelling expenses and all supplies for the family of nine persons, from 3rd month 15th, 1865 to 6th month 1st 1866. | 2,506.17 |
| Building fences, repairing Mission home and School house &c | 321.31 |
| Capital added to the Shed Fund | 1,260.00 |
| | $11,996.54 |

On behalf of the Washington Committee
Edward W. Howland.

Newport, 6 month 12th 1866.

## Recapitulation

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| Amount acknowledged by the Treasurer | $12,550.17 |
| Contributions by the Quarterly Meetings in goods | 4,695.21 |
| Other Contributions | 1,929.78 |
| | $19,175.16 |

## Disbursements.

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| Cash paid the Washington Committee | $11,996.54 |
| Contributions in Clothing, food and fuel | 6,624.99 |
| Cash in the hands of the Treasurer | 553.63 |
| | $19,175.16 |

Committee. Gilbert Congdon, George Howland, Joseph Cartland of North Providence; Nathan Breed of Lynn; Mary Huntington, Mary Sawyer, Samuel Robinson, William C. Taber, Stephen Dillingham, Samuel Jones, Anna Robinson.

Henry M. Mount, Edward Earle, Richard Battey, Timothy A. Earle, Samuel Boyce, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Amos A. Farrington, Timothy B. Hussey, Stephen Dean, Alden Sampson, Charles M. Bailey, William Tracy, Ezekiel Carney, jr, Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, William Chace, Charles F. Coffin, James Cartland, Joseph Tabor, Joshua Douglas, Henry T. Wood, Jonathan E. Rhoads, Perry Peck, [illegible], Samuel Gifford, Edward W. Hartman, Benjamin Buffum, Charles Cates, Paul Wing of Sidney Monthly Meeting; Joseph Newhall, John G. Whittier, Joseph Grinnell and Thomas C. Shaw. —— Sarah F. Tabor, Ruth B. Gifford, Gertrude W. Cartland, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail M. Hanson, Anna S. Reed, Mercy R. King, Gulielma W. Hartland, Phebe Tripp, Jane C. Mint, Esther Nichols, Phebe A. Marble, Phebe S. Marsh, Ann B. Earle, Lydia F. Fry, Rachel B. Nichols, Prudence Jones, Lydia E. Jenkins, Huldah S. Buffum, Lois J. Green, Emma H. Tarr, Sarah F. Sampson, Fanny Southam, Sarah M. Anthony, Lucas B. Robinson, Elizabeth Breed, Abigail S. Battey, Susan G. Kimpton, Cynthia J. Earle, Ann Maria Coffin, Ruth J. Chalker, Eliza P. Carney, Cynthia Dennis, Mary Slade, Caroline Hazard, Elizabeth C. Wing, Jennie Huntington, Eliza Jane Collins, Maria Buffington, Hannah Gove, Elizabeth Potter, Amy S. Anthony, Anna Cartland, Mary E. Hart, Martha Austin, Gulielma Hacker, Mary B. Wing, Sarah Slade, Abby W. Pratt, Ann Eliza Young, Hannah Page, Susan Tabor, Susan Gifford, Lydia B. Rowe, Mary Metcalf, Anna S. Dennis, Elmira Tebbetts, Abby Conklin, Charity L. Dillingham, Abby C. Gifford, Ruth H. Baker, Martha C. Reed, Roanna W. Grinnell, Sarah Cartland, Jane Tripp and Ellen R. Buffum.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting informs that Daniel Moulton is appointed Correspondent of St. Albans Monthly Meeting in place of Daniel Shepherd, deceased.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Fifth Day afternoon, 6 month 14th, [illegible] according to adjournment.

Representatives present except three.

The committee on the concerns of this meeting for the

Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians presented the following Report, which is acceptable and interesting to the Meeting, evidencing that the Indians appreciate the interest of Friends in their behalf. The same Friends are continued under appointment (with the exception of our dear friend James Van Blarcom, deceased) to render them such counsel and attention as way may open for.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to whom was intrusted the interesting concern of the Meeting in relation to the Penobscott and Passamaquoddy Indians Report, that we have given some attention to the object of our appointment.

The Panobscots are located on several naturally fertile islands in the Panobscot River, and by a census taken in the 4th month, 1865. are found to have a population of Five hundred.

The Government of Maine expended for the benefit of this Tribe, in the year ending 12th month 1st 1865, $7.481.26, Seven thousand and four hundred Eighty one dollars and twenty six cents.

The Legislature, at its last session, appropriated One thousand dollars, to aid them in their agricultural pursuits; Also, four hundred dollars to erect a school house on Oldtown Island, the lumber for which is already upon the spot. It is intended to have the building in readiness for the next fall term.

Schools have been taught on Oldtown, Olamon and Mattanawcook Islands by female teachers, with good success. The desire to improve the advantages of school education appears to be increasing and more general among the Indians.

Their mode of farming is of a low type, and calculated eventually to exhaust the soil, and, if persisted in, to render the labor expended upon it less remunerative than at present. With few exceptions, they keep no stock of any kind, and the products of their farms are sold to their white neighbors, and no equivalent returned to the soil from which they are taken.

Two of our number have visited these objects of our christian care during the past year, and were present at two "great talks" with the leaders of the parties into which the tribe is politically and almost equally divided, when ample opportunity was afforded to learn the views of some of their most intelligent men in reference to the present and prospective condition of the Tribe, and to speak to them words of encouragement, to endeavor to maintain kindly feelings among themselves; and they were also assured that their friends the Quakers continue to feel a lively interest in their brothers the red men of this country.

We have expended twenty one dollars and twenty five cents of the funds placed at our disposal by the Yearly Meeting.

The Passamaquoddies have not been visited, and we are not at present informed of their condition

On behalf of the Committee

Eli Jones
Stephen Jones
Newport 6th mo. 15th 1866 Henry T. Wood

Committee — John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Joseph Tobey, Nathan Douglas, Allen Craig, Caleb Aldrich, Samuel Taylor, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Henry T. Wood, George Richardson and Joseph Estes.

We have received the following Minute from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, viz:

"Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders.
6th Month 14th 1866.

The Clerk is directed to inform the Yearly Meeting now sitting of our unity and concurrence with our dear friends Eli and Sybil Jones, in their proposed religious service, and believing the Yearly Meeting at large would be interested in learning the anticipated field of their labors, it is thought proper to read the certificate granted them for the information of Friends.

From the Minutes

To the Yearly Meeting" Wm C. Taber, Clerk,

Whereupon we appoint our friends Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, David Buffum, Samuel Boyce, Nathan Breed of Lynn, and Stephen Jones, to render our dear friends such assistance and attention in providing for their contemplated journey

A Testimony of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Martha Meader of Dover Monthly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Sarah B. [illegible], of Pittsfield Monthly Meeting, respecting our dear friend Eliza M. Starr, and of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, concerning our beloved ancient friend Ruth Davis, have been read in this meeting, and they are acceptable to us, and it is directed that they be recorded. The memory of these dear friends is precious to us.

The Committee appointed last year to collect subscriptions to aid our dear friends in distress in some parts of North Carolina Yearly Meeting made the following report, which is satisfactory, viz

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee appointed last year to collect contributions from our members to aid Friends in North Carolina report, that they have received $1,433.45. which amount has been paid to Charles F. Tucker, Treasurer, and by him the said sum has been remitted to Francis T. King, as appears by his accounts which have been examined and found correct.

We have been informed that a short time previous to our appointment about $700 was collected and promptly forwarded for the relief of these dear friends from [illegible] Yearly Meeting. With this we submit a letter received from a friend, giving much information in relation to our dear friends in North Carolina and Tennessee and of what is being accomplished in their behalf."

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Joseph H. Atwater
Alvan Potter jr
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Caleb W. Paine.

Newport 6th mo. 13th 1866."

The Committee to attend to the reprint of 3,700 copies of the London General Epistle, report that they are placed in the hands of the Representatives, to be disposed of as directed at a previous sitting of this meeting.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend John L. Eddy, and similar ones for our friends Clarissa H. Burnett, Lewis Bedell, Elizabeth L. Comstock, Samuel Bettle, John Scott, Deborah C. Thomas, Jesse T. Hadley, Rebecca T. Updegraff, Jacob Hadley, Benjamin Ferguson and Eli Jessup; viz "Our beloved friend John L. Eddy attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Mary Eddy, and similar ones for our friends Susan Willets, Lucinda Hadley, Mary B. Jessup, and Hannah G. Peter, viz

Our beloved friend Mary Eddy attended this Meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us.

The committee on Correspondence presented Essays of Epistles to our dear brethren of London, Ireland, New-York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, and Iowa Yearly Meetings, which being satisfactory, the clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The clerk is directed to cause 2,500 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting to be printed and distributed as heretofore.

At this sitting of the Meeting, an acceptable Epistle from our dear brethren of London Yearly Meeting, for the present year, was received, which the clerk is requested to acknowledge in a postscript to our Epistle now issued to them.

The important subjects claiming the attention of this Meeting have now been disposed of in harmony and love. We are engaged gratefully to render our thanks to our Heavenly Father, in that He has been pleased to remember us, during the whole course of this Yearly Meeting. We feel that it has been good for us to be here; and we now separate in close brotherly love, proposing to meet again at this place, at the usual time, next year if the Lord permit.

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

# Epistles.

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England
held on Rhode Island in the 6th month 1861.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London.

Dear Friends,

An Epistle from you the present year has not yet reached our hands — but we are drawn towards you, we trust in true Christian love, and salute you as brethren in the fellowship of the Gospel. An Epistle from you which we have uninterruptedly received for a long series of years is always acceptable to us, and, at some seasons of peculiar trial, we have been greatly comforted and strengthened thereby. Your faithfulness in issuing annually a General Epistle to the Churches, under the guidance we hope of our Holy Head, has we believe been blessed of the Lord. At this time, the one sent forth by you last year has been read in our meeting, and we have felt that its salutary counsel might prove not only useful to the members of our own Society, but to those not connected with us, and we have caused a larger edition than usual to be printed for distribution — trusting that it may prove instructive to many.

Great commotions now exist in different countries. The disposition to unsheath the sword sorrowfully prevail. To manifest to our fellow men that we are followers of the Prince of Peace — that our dependence is on Him — that we are engaged to keep his commandments and to put all our trust in Him seems peculiarly incumbent upon us at this day, and we are concerned that both as a Church and as individuals we may faithfully maintain our Christian testimony against all War. The exhibition of a meek and quiet spirit may have an influence for good upon those who are under excitement from the prevailing spirit of the times. May the Lord preserve both you and us in the hour of [illegible].

Our Yearly Meeting has been largely attended. We gratefully acknowledge that in condescending mercy blessings have been poured out upon us. Not only have the affairs of the Church been conducted in unity and love, but the Gospel has been preached, we trust in demonstration of the

Spirit and of power. It is clearly manifest that there is an increased concern with some of our young men to know the way of Salvation - and that not a few of them under the gentle but powerful teachings of the Holy Spirit, not only are brought to behold the body of death which in their unregenerate state rests upon them, but in their struggle for deliverance they have beheld the Saviour presented unto them as altogether lovely - They have heard his gracious words "Come unto me and I will give you rest". The prayer of the Church has been, that the number of these may be greatly increased, until all may come to see that it is only through the Lord Jesus Christ that we can be saved - that He is the only door through which we can enter into Heaven, and that rejoicing in Him we may give Him our hearts and dedicate ourselves to His blessed service.

The condition of the freedmen - of those who for a life time have endured the heavy yoke of bondage and whose "wages have been kept back by fraud" continues to claim and to receive our tenderest sympathy - and we are actively engaged in endeavoring not only to relieve their present physical necessities but in educating and preparing them to act well their part as citizens of our country. While, to our regret, there is some delay in according to them their full civil rights in some portions of the Country where they have been held in bondage - while some prejudices of caste still exist, yet we are comforted in believing these are passing away, and that the day is not distant when, acknowledging them as children of our Common Father, for whom, as for us, Christ shed his precious blood on Calvary, they will be permitted to partake equally with us of all the privileges of citizenship - of all the blessings which our merciful Father has vouchsafed to His children.

With the salutation of Christian love we are your friends and brethren

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Dublin

Dear Friends

Through the mercy and favor of our Heavenly Father, we have again been permitted to meet -

in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, and to feel a comforting evidence that we continue to be the objects of His love. And under the influence of this love, our hearts have been cemented together and fervent petitions have been raised that we might be enabled to transact the affairs of the Church to the honor of the Head.

How encouraging and strengthening to the humble, contrite followers of the Lamb, bowed as in the dust under a sense of their own nothingness, is the declaration, that God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts; and that although the true believer may often feel, when examining himself, that infirmities and temptations abound, yet our blessed Saviour declared — "If a man love me he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him." This blessed promise should animate us to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. It should strengthen us to endure all the baptisms through which we may have to pass, in order for our full and complete Sancitification. Thanks be to His name, we have not only the evidence of His presence in the Church, but we have also the blessed assurance that He is the Shepherd and Bishop of our Souls; that he deigns to watch over His dependent children, to feed them with Heavenly bread, and to refresh them with those living streams which flow from the fountain of life; and that where two or three are gathered together in His name, there will He be in the midst of them. We desire that in all our exercises — all our efforts for the promotion of His Cause — we may ever remember the language of George Fox — "We are nothing, — Christ is all."

Our Meeting has, at this time, been larger than usual; and we have had the company of many of our beloved youth, some of whom are giving good evidence that they are under the Lord's preparing hand for usefulness in the Church. We have also the company of beloved Friends from other Yearly Meetings, who have been favored to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ to our comfort and edification, and as we hope and trust, to the awakening of the lukewarm and indifferent, some of whom, we apprehend, have renewed their covenants with their God.

The present is a day when there is an increased inquiry after the way to Truth. The harvest is indeed plenteous, but the believers are few. The hearts of many are sick of the horrors of War, and the shedding of blood, and honest enquirers are seeking for a better way of settling difficulties than that of appealing to arms. May there not be wanting those who under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, may be qualified to hold up to these sincere inquirers the peaceable nature of the precepts of Christ — of Him who declared, "My Kingdom is not of this world". And may we all be engaged in doing faithfully what our hands may find to do in promoting peace on earth and good will to men, and thus be found instrumental in hastening the coming of that day when the Kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of the Lord and of His Christ.

The condition of the Freedmen continues to claim our attention. Our Mission at Washington has been kept up, and several schools have been established there for colored children, and the pupils in these schools are making satisfactory progress in useful learning.

Your acceptable Epistle of the 5th Month last has been received and read in this Meeting, together with other epistolary communications from other Yearly Meetings, to our comfort and edification.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.
Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

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To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in New York

Dear Friends.

We have received your acceptable Epistle of the present Month which with similar tokens of brotherly love from other Yearly Meetings, was read to our comfort and encouragement. We have at this time the acceptable company of many dear friends who have been drawn to visit us, as we believe, by the constraining love of our Heavenly Father, whose ministrations have been to our edification, and we have been united together in the bond of love and in the fellowship of the Gospel. Our hearts have been afresh touched with the excellency of that love — that bond of perfectness — which springing from the love of God, unites the brethren professing the same common faith in the dear Redeemer and in the immediate guidance of the Holy Spirit, into one body, warming their hearts and stimulating them to the performance of their duty towards their Heavenly Father and towards their fellow men. We are exhorted to love one another with a pure heart fervently — to have fervent charity among ourselves — how then can we stand aloof from a brother, or how can we set at naught a brother, for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Let us rather endeavor to seek through divine Grace and in all lowliness and meekness, each esteeming other better than himself, to be ever ready to promote the peace and welfare of the brethren and of the church.

We are urgently called upon by every consideration of Christian duty — by our love to the dear Redeemer — by the concern we can but feel for the eternal welfare of the immortal beings who surround us and with whom we are in every day contact — whose time of probation, with our own, is fearfully short, that those among us may likewise be alive to the harvest work of the great Husbandman. To be earnestly and zealously engaged in the service of that God who has bestowed upon us so many blessings, richly to enjoy — and especially for that crowning glory, the revelation of His dear Son the Redeemer — not only in his outward appearance upon the earth, but as He manifests Himself in the heart.

Dear friends, we have indeed a high and holy calling — many are considerations of a personal and spiritual nature prompting our consecrating our lives wholly, through the help of the Holy Spirit — to the [illegible] — the [illegible] — to the service of our Lord. And let no fears or hesitation on account of a sense of our own inability stand in our way. Is it not God who will work all our works in us? Is He not all powerful in working? Has not the dear Saviour promised that He will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him? He will send the Comforter who will take of His and give unto us? Our strength is indeed small — of ourselves we can do nothing — but our God is our help — a great God and a mighty.

The blessed Savior who declared when about to ascend unto the Father, that all power was given unto him, both in heaven and in earth, promised to be with his humble devoted followers unto the end of the world. God is declared to be a strength and shield to all who put their trust in Him.

Then may we all be strengthened through faith to do His holy will — to aid our humble endeavors, with divine help, for the spreading the knowledge of the gospel of His dear Son, in promoting the best interests of his intelligent creation, our brethren of every hue and of every condition, and especially may we seek to it, that our own conduct may set forth to others the glory of His grace, and evince to the world by a consistent walk in humility and godly fear, that we have been with Jesus.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.
Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

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To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Baltimore.

Dear Friends,

Your acceptable Epistle of 10th month last has been read in this meeting with satisfaction, and we participate you in the thankfulness therein expressed, for the removal of the barrier interposed by the cruel conditions of war, to the Christian intercourse which had been so long and profitably maintained with brethren in the South; and that they in their tried situation have been enabled to maintain in a good degree of faithfulness our peaceable testimonies. And now that the field of labor is opened wide, may we accept in all sincerity of heart, the opportunities thus presented, may we hear the cry of the poor and needy, and not let slip the occasion to do good and communicate to the oppressed class of our fellow beings.

Thus shall we redeem our pledges to this people, and give proof to them and to the world at large of the sincerity of our professions of commiseration and love.

The reports received on the State of Society, were, we have to acknowledge, marred by some deficiencies — The remedy for these and all our failings, we were reminded, was to have our hearts imbued with the love of God, and the love of the brethren.

Our meeting has been large and harmonious, and we have been cheered by the company of many of our dear young friends, who were earnestly and tenderly encouraged to so live in the discharge of all their duties, that they may be as lights in the world, and that they may so dedicate themselves to the service of their Lord and Master as to become standard bearers in the church.

We are privileged at this time with the acceptable presence of several beloved ~~friends~~ brethren and sisters from other Yearly Meetings, whose company and Gospel labors have been to our comfort and edification.

In conclusion, dear brethren, we desire your prosperity in the Truth, and that the blessings of the Gospel in its fulness may be yours.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

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To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

With feelings of gratitude to our Father in Heaven that we have been favored while assembled in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting often to feel the canopy of His love spread over us, we now salute you as brethren beloved, and acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable Epistle of last year. We accept it as a token of your love and as a renewed mercy to us. that, in these seasons of favor, in which we have at times been baptized together, we have been brought near in Spirit one to another, wherein we have felt the assurance that, as we submit more and more to the contriting influence of the Spirit of Truth in our own hearts, we thereby become fitted to enjoy the communion of saints upon earth, and when the work of purification is accomplished we may be in mercy admitted to the companionship of angels in Heaven.

Our meeting has been largely attended, and we have been enabled to transact the various concerns of the church in much harmony and love. The company at this time of many of our young people has been encouraging; and some of these give evidence that the work of grace is progressing in their own hearts. Our prayers for them have been earnest that they may be preserved in humility and watchfulness, and that all of our beloved youth may be drawn by the cords of [illegible] to the standard of Truth, to become followers [illegible] of them who [illegible] are partakers of the promises in Christ by the gospel.

Our Boarding School at Westtown is in a prosperous condition, and continues to answer its useful design. We believe that the influence of this [illegible] guarded institution has been highly beneficial to our youth. And we trust that your labors in this direction, though arduous and sacrificing, will yield a rich reward.

The condition of the Freed people of color still claims our active sympathy. The Committee appointed last year to promote efforts for their education and improvement has made an interesting report, from which it appears that schools have been continued among them, and that the instruction [illegible] of Friends have been blessed to their help [illegible]. We have been encouraged to continue the effort, and the liberal support of the members [illegible] in their behalf.

The daily reading of a portion of Holy Scripture, has been repeatedly commended as a means of religious improvement, which we again [illegible]. This [illegible] in our families [illegible] with hearts turned toward the great Author of all good, is, we believe, owned of Him, and in the lifting up of our hearts for his blessing we may often receive a qualification to worship Him, and be strengthened [illegible] the duties of life.

Brethren, [illegible] watch unto prayer. [illegible] "God is able to make all Grace abound toward" us and to give us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,

[illegible] Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of [illegible]

Dear Friends.

[illegible] of [illegible] love
[illegible] from the [illegible] Yearly Meetings
have been received, the reading of which has brought [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
growth in the Truth, and in the knowledge of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ.

Love, the badge of true discipleship, has closely united
our hearts during our several sittings and through the goodness
and mercy of God, our business has been transacted in
much [illegible] brotherly condescension.

We have had the company of a number of Friends from
other Yearly Meetings [illegible]. Their
gospel [illegible] strengthening, and we have been
exhorted to trust in Jesus the [illegible] sinners friend.

[illegible] the
company of many of our young friends, some of whom
have manifested a deep interest in the business brought
before us, and are giving an evidence that they are
being prepared by the great master of assemblies for service
in His church.

The committee in charge of our Boarding School
reports that the Institution is in a very satisfactory condition.
The school has been large, and we believe that much
[illegible].

The guarded and religious education of our youth
has been feelingly dwelt upon in this meeting, and the
account which has been given by the report of our Committee,
and by Friends who are deeply interested in the work,
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we trust, to look afresh to Him who alone can bless the
[illegible]

[illegible] continues to claim the attention of this
Meeting, [illegible]
trust, been instrumental in doing much good to that
suffering class of the human family. Their [illegible]
[illegible]

is large but the labourers are few — may others [illegible]
to labor in this good work.

The reading of the answers to the queries exhibited many
[illegible]
concerned remedy, much tender counsel and advice, and
under a precious covering of the Holy Spirit, our hearts were
contrited together in the love of God.

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Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

## To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Beloved Brethren

As in former seasons, so now, the [illegible] presence of the Lord has been graciously with us, inclining us more immediately to Himself and drawing us near [illegible] acknowledgement. — May this favor ever be ours.

[illegible] younger friends [illegible]. That these, as little children [illegible] we are comforted in believing, in the heart's desire and [illegible] [illegible] His feet there are things wonderful, things learned, which the [illegible] out. And yet the gift in the promised blessing of the Kingdom [illegible] the right way to obtain that great end.

In commemorating the work of this [illegible] through the [illegible] the gifts come to us from the fullness which is in Him. That devoted servant who seeks to inform the ignorant, to strengthen the weak, and to [illegible] be) with tears", finds his sufficiency for all, in the Love of Christ constraining him. And whether [illegible] "being ourselves also, in the body", is of Him, and from Him, when right it is to give. Even Faith, Hope and Charity are among His gifts to men. That is—

"Faith unto Salvation", which brings the receptive man to Him, that His imparted virtue may make him every whit whole".

"Hope of Eternal Life", of which we are made heirs through Jesus Christ [illegible].

Charity, that suffereth long, and is kind, that seeketh not her own, that thinketh no evil: but ever rejoiceth in the Truth.— And, beloved friends, with what gratitude do the words of our Lord impress us— "your Father who is in Heaven, knoweth the things ye stand in need of before ye ask Him— and again; "Whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, I will give it you." Yet what adoration is added to our gratitude, because that, "For the church He gave [illegible] might present it to Himself a glorious Church, without spot or wrinkle — Holy and without blemish.

It is, indeed, a marked peculiarity of the Gospel of Christ, that in it the church is represented as clothed with or hidden in the glory of Him who redeemed it, and who, by promise, is always with her [illegible] also, in a lesser or secondary sense applied to the living members of the church [illegible] secondary sense), they are spoken of as Kings and Priests. They are called well beloved— they are stated to be sons and heirs of glory, to show the fullness and abundant excellence of the [illegible] to any danger of confusing his graciously afforded privileges, with the [illegible] glory both now and forever.

With your Yearly Meeting, as well as with [illegible] the Church in our Community, [illegible] of our fellow-beings now passing from an extreme of bondage to the condition of freedom, and who are, in too fearful a degree left ready to perish. Their constant and varied wants, coming as an appeal to the generous heart, may [illegible] the early Church at one time, when no man considered [illegible]. [illegible] as their wants are, and the Proverb still holds good, that "He that hath pity on the poor lendeth the Lord," and He will pay him again, — the benevolent in heart, from such assurance, will find themselves strengthened to do what they can, trusting [illegible].

The report of our Freedmen Committee evinces to us, that [illegible] neglected portion of our fellow beings, by relieving their suffering, and endeavoring to raise them to that standard which will enable them to act well their part in the great human family. They are encouraged to persevere in this benevolent work, as ability may be afforded by our Divine Master.

Our Committee having the care of our Boarding School have at this time presented a satisfactory Report of the condition and continued usefulness of that Institution.

An interesting report from our educational and Scriptural School Committee has been read, which called forth much pertinent counsel and advice.

The state of society as now brought before us, has been an occasion [illegible] higher privileged branch of the Christian Church; especially [illegible] through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk

To the [illegible] Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

Having been [illegible] permitted [illegible] to transact the affairs of the Church, our hearts have been humbled under a sense of the loving kindness of the Lord. And many of the precious promises of the gospel have been [illegible] us to the rejoicing of our hearts. There is laid in "Zion" a "tried Stone". "Upon Christ our "sure foundation" all our hopes of happiness are built. And recognizing His words unto us, "beside me there is no Saviour," the believing soul, beset with many trials, can contemplate His gracious dealings with His people in days that are past and draw lessons of instruction and encouragement.

Our meeting has been larger than usual, and we have the company of many of our young friends, who are growing [illegible] for His work and service.

Your acceptable Epistles [illegible] have been [illegible] encouragement.

We continue to feel [illegible] the [illegible] of our youth [illegible] the establishment and maintenance of First day Schools.

The Committee in charge [illegible] for the benefit of the Freedmen has made an interesting and satisfactory report, from which there is cause for believing that much usefulness has resulted from their labors. The Committee are continued [illegible] further attention [illegible] contributions are again recommended for its promotion. How large is our field of labor as servants of God, and how impressive is the exhortation – "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." What a pattern of meekness – of labor, and of condescending love to the whole family of Man is set before us in the example of our Holy Redeemer, [illegible] nearer conformity to Him in all things. And may His Spirit direct us into all Truth.

With the Salutation of love, we remain your friends & brethren.
Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd [illegible] Clerk

To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends.

We have been [illegible]
in this our annual assembly, for the purpose of worshiping
our [illegible]
of the Church, [illegible]
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that He would continue to bless the provision of Zion and
satisfy her poor with bread. And while we remember
that He who sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and holds
in His hands the destinies of men, has so signally brought
to naught the designs of the wicked in our beloved country,
destroyed the weapons of their warfare, broken the yoke of
the oppressor, and permitted the oppressed to go free, our
hearts are filled with gratitude and thanksgiving to
Him, the Author of all our [illegible] mercies. This interposition
of Divine Providence in overruling the wicked devices of
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helping hand as ability may be given in elevating this
[illegible]
appointed to carry out the concern of this meeting on
behalf of the Freedmen, made a very interesting report,
by which it appears that contributions have been liberal
both in money and clothing, and that the [illegible]
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encouraged to persevere in this work of mercy and
labor of love.

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have been favored to transact the various concerns
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of the Church.

We have had the company of several dear friends
from other yearly Meetings, whose labors in the love of the
Gospel [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] that the Great Head of the Church is still mindful of us in thus turning the feet of His gospel messengers to this part of His heritage.

You have brought feeling before us by reading your [illegible] [illegible] Epistle [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] We unite with you in desiring that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] the patient waiting for Christ.

We salute you in the love of the Gospel, and are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

1867.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship, at Newport and Portsmouth, on First day the 16th and the discipline on Second day morning the 17th of 6th Mo. 1867.

By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings it appears that the following Friends are appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From Rhode Island - Samuel Boyd Tobey, Levi [illegible], Abner Slade, Nathan Chase, Peleg Peck, Wm. [illegible], Samuel Gifford, Joseph Cartland and George Anthony

From Salem, - [illegible], Daniel Breed, Nathan Breed & [illegible], John M. Davis, John Page, Ephraim Leighton, William S. Boyce, Saml. Boyce, & Moses [illegible] Rogers.

From Sandwich - George Howland Jr., Rufus [illegible], William C. Taber, David [illegible], George [illegible] Jr., Nathaniel Gifford, Nathaniel [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Gifford, Daniel [illegible] and Joseph Grinnell

From Falmouth - Abram Winslow, George Douglass, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Hawkes, Elijah Cook, Robert [illegible] [illegible] and James Cartland.

From Smithfield - John [illegible], [illegible], Abel C. Monroe, [illegible] Jason, James [illegible] Arnold, Reuben A. Winslow & David [illegible]

From Vassalboro - Thomas B. Nichols, John D. Lang, Josiah Pinkham, John [illegible], Daniel Cook, [illegible] Jones, [illegible] Jones, James Jones, and [illegible]

From Dover - [illegible] Meader, Jacob K. Purinton, [illegible] Meader, Stephen Breed, & Thomas H. [illegible].

From Fairfield - George Richardson, [illegible], James [illegible], Levi Jones, Joseph [illegible], and [illegible] Pinkham.

whose names being called, they were all present.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved Friends, Hannah S. Fry, of New York Yearly Meeting; Julia Valentine & Sarah V. Smith, of Baltimore; Elkanah [illegible] Jenkins, Edith Griffith, Mary Elliott, Abigail J. Hoag and Theodate S. Pope, from Ohio; Robert W. Douglas, [illegible] from Indiana; Nathan Elliot, from Western and Lindley M. Hoag, from Iowa Yearly Meeting; satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings were presented, expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

We have also the acceptable company of our dear friends, Amos Griffith accompanying his wife Edith Griffith; Mary Bird companion to our friend Mary Elliott; Phebe Conant companion to Abigail [illegible] and Catharine Elliot, who accompanies her husband Nathan Elliot; and satisfactory minutes from their several Meetings expressing unity with them [illegible] and with their present engagements, were read.

We have likewise the acceptable company of our esteemed friends Ann J. Mathews, companion to our friend Julia Valentine; Margaret H. White, companion to our friend Sarah V. Smith; Hannah Johnson companion to our friend Hannah S. Fry; Isaac Stanley companion to our friend Joseph Stanley; and [illegible] Pope accompanying his wife, our friend Theodate S. Pope; satisfactory minutes were read from their several meetings expressing unity with them as members and with their present engagements.

The London general Epistle for 1866, addressed [illegible] was received and read. As in former years, we have felt the excellence & weightiness of the advice contained [illegible] Robinson and Charles R. Tucker to place in the hands of the [illegible], [illegible] 3000 [illegible] of this Yearly Meeting [illegible] commend it to their serious and careful [illegible]

Acceptable epistles from our beloved brethren of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, and Iowa Yearly Meetings, are now received, and in the feeling of Christian [illegible] Friends to prepare essays of Epistles to those several meetings, and they are also requested, if way opens for it, to prepare a salutation of love to Canada Yearly Meeting, to be opened the sixth month, viz: Samuel Boyce, William C. Taber, David Buffum, Henry Ward, John Page, John D. Lang, David K. Aitkin, Benjamin Jones, Samuel Boyce, Thomas B. Nichols, [illegible] Jones, Calvin G. Goddard, Jesse Reeds, George Dow, [illegible] John Milton Earle, Edward Earle, Charles R. Tucker, [illegible] Moore, Charles B. Gates, Josiah Pitcher, James Dixon, Daniel Page, Moses Bailey, William Jacob, William Farr, Thomas Folsom, Joseph Cartland (of North Providence), Reuben T. Jones, and Newell Howe; and this Meeting realizing that the addition of another Yearly Meeting to the number already existing, is an interesting and important event in our Society, and apprehending that there are those among us who feel religiously drawn to attend the first convening of Canada Yearly Meeting, if there are any Friends thus exercised we appoint our friends David Buffum, [illegible] Jones, Richard Battey, William C. Taber and Samuel Boyce to propose to a future sitting such names as they may deem suitable to compose a committee to attend, with the sanction and by appointment of this meeting.

By the Reports from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that Rhode Island has united with [illegible] the public appearances in the ministry of [illegible] Reynolds and Gertrude W. Cartland.

That Salem has united with [illegible] Monthly [illegible] Elizabeth [illegible] Monthly Meeting died 3rd Mo. 24th 1867, aged 57 years less three days.

[illegible] [illegible] has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gifts and approving the public [illegible] in the [illegible] of Daniel [illegible] [illegible]. John R. Davis a minister and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting deceased 7th month 27th 1866. aged 90 years 10 months & 18 days. Mary Shepherd an elder and member of Pembroke Monthly Meeting deceased 1st Mo. 22d 1867. aged 75 yrs. 7 months 22 days.

Falmouth reports that it has united with Windham Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry, of Lydia A. [illegible] and with Durham Monthly Meeting in appointing Robert Goddard, of [illegible], [illegible] Hartland, Patience Goddard Jr, and Susan W. Hartland to the station of elder: and that Mary J. Varney a minister and member of Durham Monthly Meeting died 8th month 24th 1866, aged 69 years 7 mos and 10 days; and that Abigail S. Goddard an elder and member of the same meeting died 11th Mo. 7th 1866. aged 60 years 3 mos 25 days.

Vassalboro has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of [illegible] Jones to the station of elder. Jacob Partridge an elder and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, deceased 3d month 15th 1867, aged 85 years 8 months and 27 days. Josiah Jones, an elder & member of China Monthly Meeting died 1st Mo. 26. 1867. aged 74 years 11 [illegible] [illegible].

Dover has united with Berwick Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Isaac Varney and Eliza P. Varney to the station of elder.

Fairfield has united with [illegible] Monthly Meeting in the appointment of [illegible] and Mary Ann Bailey to the station of elder

The Quarterly Meetings severally report that they [illegible] the necessary attention to raising the stock [illegible]; and we appoint the following Friends to settle the Treasurer's account, to propose a sum to be raised the present year and the name of a friend for Treasurer, viz; Wm. A. Robinson, [illegible], Stephen Dillingham, Nathaniel Hawkes, Saml. H. Colton, [illegible] B. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], to report at

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Samuel Boyd on behalf of the representatives, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Howland Jr for clerk, and Charles R. Tucker for assistant clerk, whose names were separately considered, and the [illegible] [illegible] they are accordingly appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

Our friend Charles F. Coffin was, on recommendation of the Representatives appointed to assist the clerks in reading the various documents presented.

A communication has been received from our friends in the city of Chicago, soliciting our aid in the building of a meeting-house for the accommodation of meetings in that city; and we appoint the following friends to call upon those now in attendance of this meeting for such contributions as they may in their freedom subscribe, viz: Joseph H. [illegible] Wm. H. [illegible], Samuel E. [illegible], William [illegible] Brown, [illegible], John H. [illegible], [illegible] Dillingham, Isaac R. Gifford, [illegible], [illegible], Nathaniel [illegible], Ezekiel [illegible] Jr., James G. Arnold, Edward Earle, Richard Buttley, [illegible] [illegible], John Jenkins, Josiah [illegible], [illegible], Samuel Boyce, Joseph [illegible], William [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] and Joseph [illegible], to report to a future sitting.

It appearing that the accommodation of our women friends, in holding the Yearly Meeting [illegible] [illegible], we appoint the following friends to take the subject into consideration and make such provision as they may deem necessary to extend the house so as to render the accommodation more ample; and they are authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the expense incurred, viz; George Howland Jr, David Buffum, Charles R. Tucker, John D. [illegible], Stephen [illegible] and George Brown.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Boarding School [illegible] the Superintendent Report, which is satisfactory [illegible] [illegible] the Several [illegible]

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by this meeting. Our Treasurer is authorized to loan on our behalf a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars to be applied to the purposes designated by the School Committee

To the Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends: The Committee in charge of the Boarding School report, that during the Summer term of 1866 there were in attendance 136 pupils, viz; 88 males and 68 females. In the autumn half term 178, viz; 102 males and 76 females.

The officers of the Institution have been,- Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, Assistant Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the Female Department; John F. [illegible], Sarah F. Coffin and Mary A. Cornell, teachers of English branches; William B. Williams, teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; [illegible] Cook, teacher of Mathematics; and Mary T. Potter teacher of Drawing: Susan H. Swett and Alice G. Tilley have also been employed as teachers of English branches during a portion of the year. Under this organization, which it will be observed is nearly the same as for several years past, the affairs of the School have been carefully and satisfactorily conducted.

During the first part of the year the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but the committee, believing that the pupils were overtaxed on First days, have discontinued the morning meeting at the School, except during inclement weather, and have allowed them to attend the morning meeting as well as the week day meetings in the city. The day afternoons and evenings are devoted to Bible instruction and reading, and the result has, we think, been satisfactory to all concerned.

For some time past the Committee in charge of the School, as well as those more immediately connected therewith, have felt that the present accommodations for pupils were not adequate to promote their health and comfort. Two wants have especially claimed their attention:- 1st, that of separate dormitories for the girls instead of the present plan of placing them all in two

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under the direction of the committee, for [illegible] meetings, lectures, public examinations, meetings of the Alumnae, or for other purposes. The present school-room in the present building [illegible] to meet the wants of the School, not being commodious enough to allow of inviting the parents of pupils to be present at the exercises connected with the [illegible].

Accordingly, with the approbation of the [illegible], the Committee have begun the erection of a three story building [illegible] feet long, with an average width of [illegible] feet. The first floor contains the Hall capable of seating 400 persons, and adjoining it is a Library and Reading Room fitted up with alcoves for the reception of Books, and cabinets for Minerals and other Natural History collections. This room is connected with the Hall by sliding-doors and will enlarge its capacity so that six or seven hundred can be comfortably seated. The second and third Stories are devoted to girls' dormitories. There are 29 rooms, [illegible] for the reception of two pupils each. Each room is supplied with a large closet and [illegible] means of ventilation. There are also large store closets for bedding &c. in each of the upper stories, and proper washing apparatus supplied by tanks under the roof. In the basement are rooms for [illegible] a coal room, a large reservoir cistern to be used in case of fire, [illegible] cellar. [illegible] the Philosophical and chemical apparatus to the new [illegible] rooms and the removal of about 56 [illegible] dormitories much room will be vacated in the [illegible] building. [illegible] this space on the south side of the building [illegible] for the sick. [illegible] on the north side of the house, exposed to the noise of the boys' play-ground, and [illegible] to receive patients slightly indisposed. It is very desirable that pupils affected with contagious diseases, or seriously ill from any other cause should be provided with quiet, well-ventilated and sunny rooms, where they can receive attention from nurses specially devoted to them. It is proposed to devote a portion of the new wing to separate dormitories for the girls, corresponding with those in the new building, and to appropriate the remaining space to increasing the somewhat limited sleeping accommodations of the boys, and to other purposes. It is expected that the building will be ready to be occupied at the opening of the year 1868.

The whole cost including furnishing, grading ground, making the required changes in the present buildings, and all other necessary expenses will be about $ 42.000. Through the efforts of the Committee, subscriptions of $ 10,000 have been very generously contributed by the friends of the school, for the erection of this building, there is also on hand a balance to the credit of the School of about $ 12,000. It will therefore be necessary to incur a debt of about $ 20,000, in order to carry out the proposed plans. The financial condition of the School is such as to warrant the belief that the debt can be liquidated in a few years.

By the Report of the Auditing Committee, it appears that the income of the School during the present year (ending 9th mo. 26th 1867) will exceed the current expenditures by about $ 6000.

The charges for the coming year of forty weeks, we propose should be as follows, one half payable at the commencement of the session, and the other at the opening after the recess, viz;

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| For members of our Yearly Meeting | $ 150. |
| For members of other Yearly Meetings & where one or both parents are members of our religious Society or for scholars that are sent at the charge of such - - - - | $ 170. |
| For any others that may be admitted - - | $ 300. |

An additional charge of $ 10. is made for one year's instruction in Latin, Greek, French, German or Drawing

Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half-year only, when application is made therefor at the time of entering.

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The Committee earnestly desire that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half-year may be as small as possible, as in the arrangement of the course of studies, reference is made primarily to those who remain through the year, constituting in this [illegible] a large majority of the School, and should therefore require that those who remain but half the term will receive much less than a proportionate share of advantages.

Applications for admission into the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 16th of seventh month next. Those who are members of our Society [illegible] will have preference of all others, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are receive

Those who desire the benefit of the charitable fund or of the "[illegible] Fund" should apply at the time of admission, and in all these cases information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants

Application for admission should be made to the Principals  Address

Albert K. Smiley
Principal of Friends' Boarding School
Providence R. I.

The school year opens 9th mo. 4. 1867.
Recess of two weeks begins 1st. Mo. 20. 1868
Second half-year begins 2d mo. 3d 1868

On behalf of the Committee
Wm A. Robinson
Clerk for the day

Our friends Wm A. Robinson, Joseph Cartland, Nathan Breed [illegible], [illegible], George Howland Jr., [illegible], Samuel Jones, Calvin S. [illegible], [illegible] Hadley, Edward Battey, Stephen Jones, [illegible], Jacob H. Robinson, Elijah Jenkins, [illegible] Durham, [illegible] and Charles M. Bailey are appointed to propose to a future sitting of this meeting the names of Friends to constitute a School Committee

Our friends Sidney C. Smith, Wm O. Newhall

William C. Taber, Robert G. Clark, James E. [illegible], Alfred H. Jones, Stephen Beede, and Moses Bailey are appointed to prepare a summary of the answers for our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Third day morning, the 15th, the meeting convened pursuant to adjournment.

The Representatives present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

We have, at this Meeting, the company of our dear friends James N. Richardson, a minister, and Samuel Bewley, an elder, from Ireland. Their presence with us is truly acceptable.

Under, we trust, a renewing of Divine goodness, manifestly extended to us, and with a sense of the importance of the engagement, the meeting now proceeded to consider the State of Society, by reading the answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, and proceeded therein to the third inclusive, and then adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

At the appointed hour in the afternoon the meeting again assembled and completed the reading of the answers.

During the whole of this interesting engagement, we trust we were baptized together, and that the Head of the Church, in His rich mercy, was near us, and both elder and younger brethren manifested a concern for the promotion of His blessed cause. Very striking were the exhortations offered, that there might be with us all a living engagement to honor our Father in heaven by a public acknowledgement of our sense of entire dependence upon Him, by meeting together for His worship & praise — that we might realize that this is not only a duty, but a high privilege — that the presence of the Divine might be surely expected, for He has promised it to those who assemble in His name, — that our hearts should be filled with the love of Him who loved us, who died for us, and who still lives — our holy Intercessor and Mediator with the Father — and through whom, only, we can receive admittance into heaven.

1867. The efficacy of love in preserving unity, in removing difficulties and all dissensions - in keeping us from distraction in its varied manifestations, was feelingly dwelt upon, and we were tenderly exhorted to live in love, thus manifesting that we are disciples of Christ. "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him". "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

The language of tender sympathy was held forth to those who were weak in the faith, a faith without which we cannot please God; and they were exhorted to put up the aspiration, "Lord, increase our faith". "The poor in spirit" were sweetly encouraged to remember the declaration, that "theirs is the kingdom of heaven", and were reminded of the words of the prophet. "When the poor and needy seek water and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, & fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water."

The practical advice and declarations of faith, contained in our ancient Discipline, were substantially brought before us, some of which we believe it right now to revive and earnestly to commend to the perusal & solemn attention of all, viz;

"Advised that friends that have the charge of families, endeavour to keep meetings in their families, to wait upon God, that their children & families may come to be seasoned in their spirits by the truth and the Lord's power, & that they may have his blessing upon their families" 1696.

Advised that friends keep their children to a constant, seasonable and orderly frequenting, as well of week-day as of First-day meetings; instructing them to have their minds stayed in the Divine gift, to wait upon the Lord therein, to receive a portion of His spiritual favor; that they, from the tendering virtue of the Holy Spirit, may be engaged in heart and mind to walk worthy [illegible] a holy zeal [illegible] and [illegible] Sons of men. 1723.

And we earnestly exhort that you hold fast the profession of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, without wavering, both in respect to his outward coming in the flesh, his sufferings, death, resurrection, ascension, mediation and intercession at the right hand of the Father; and to the inward manifestation of his grace and Holy Spirit in our hearts, power-fully working in the souls of believers to the mortifying of every evil affection and lust, and to the purifying of our consciences from dead works to serve the living God; that through the virtue and efficacy of this most holy faith ye may become strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might, which will enable you to worship [illegible] with acceptance, and preserve you in a lively frame of mind from a drowsy and lukewarm spirit, which in all our religious assemblies, ought to be guarded against with the utmost care and circumspection. In this lively faith and [illegible] world, our [illegible] things, and over all corrupt customs and fashions, which [illegible] Christian holiness. 1736.

In all your religious meetings for the worship of Almighty God, let your minds be seasoned with an awful sense of real and true devotion, and be ye exemplary to the flock of Christ, [illegible] of your deport-ment [illegible] in earnest in the great duty of waiting upon and worshiping God in spirit; that [illegible] may be encouraged to come and partake, in your assemblies of that inward and spiritual consolation & refreshment, which the Lord is graciously pleased to impart to the souls of such as are humbled in his sight, and approach his holy presence with reverence and fear. 1744.

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to the stopping of the streams of the water of life, & rendering you like the barren heath in the desert, which knoweth not when good cometh. We exhort you to be especially watchful in this behalf, that an indolent and sluggish disposition appear not among you, to the stumbling of such serious inquirers as may attend our meetings, in expectation of that life and power, which the observation of your indifference and unconcernedness may give them too just cause to suspect that ye yourselves are strangers to. 1741.

Let not the smallness of your numbers discourage you from constantly attending these meetings, inasmuch as the words of Christ remain eternally true & steadfast: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matt. XVIII. 20. But it hath been justly observed, that where remissness and neglect of attending meetings for worship have prevailed, it hath been too often an inlet to further declension, and such other undue liberties as truth and its guidance do by no means admit of. We therefore tenderly exhort such as through fear of suffering in their temporal concerns, neglect the considera-tion as well as due attendance of these meetings, to remember that our Saviour commanded, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Some of us can testify by blessed experience, that our affairs have not suffered by giving up our time, during the few hours set apart for religious worship; but, on the contrary, we have been thereby much strengthened to go on with propriety in the duties we owe to God, to our families and to all mankind. 1758.

Our blessed Redeemer having vouchsafed to manifest among us the way of life and salvation, and to instruct us where and how to wait for him, prize, we beseech you, these precious privileges; keep all your meetings in the name of the Lord, and let your minds be established in an humble waiting upon him, with reverence and fear; so shall strength be added to strength, and, being thus devoutly united to him, you will experience the indwelling of his blessed Spirit. 1761.

When gathered in your religious assemblies, be truly concerned to wait for the divine & heavenly gift which will minister to every state and condition though you may have no outward teaching, and will direct you to wait without being restless or uneasy till it be a proper time to break up your meeting with that decency and solemnity which should attend our minds in such service [1755]

And be not apt, as the manner of some is, at the close of your meetings, hastily to enter into discourses about the affairs of this life, much less the vain amusements thereof; a practice inconsistent with the Christian spirit, which at such times ought, in a special manner, to season the minds of persons so lately assembled for the worship of God, in spirit and in truth: 1748.

As to the consistency of the members of our society joining themselves in the meetings or public entertainments of those called free masons, we have deliberated upon the subject, and concurring in the Friends judgment, think it not consistent with our religious profession; and advise that quarterly and monthly meetings dissuade their members therefrom; and if any do join therewith, contrary to the advice herein contained, that they be dealt with.

The Committee appointed yesterday to solicit aid for our friends of Chicago in erecting a meeting-house for the accommodation of Friends, propose that this Meeting should appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars for that object, which is approved by this meeting, and our Treasurer is requested to forward that sum to them for this purpose through some suitable channel, and the committee are released from further attention to the subject.

The Committee to propose the names of Friends to attend, as a committee of this Meeting, the opening of Canada Yearly Meeting, proposed the following Friends, which are satisfactory to this Meeting, and they are appointed accordingly, viz: Samuel Boyce, Nathan Breed of Lynn, and [illegible] and the clerk is directed to furnish them with the following minute, signed on our behalf, viz;

This Meeting, realizing that the addition

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of another Yearly Meeting to the brotherhood already existing is an interesting and important event in our religious Society, and being drawn in brotherly love towards our dear brethren now about to be united as a Yearly Meeting in Canada, we appoint our friends James Jones, Nathan Breed and Thomas Greene, a committee to attend the same on our behalf, and the clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning

Fourth day morning, 6th Mo. 19th the Meeting assembled. The Representatives are present.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were laid before us and read. The proceedings of that Meeting are sanctioned and approved by this Meeting, and the following friends are appointed to propose to a future sitting, the names of friends to compose a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year; David Buffum, Saml. Boyd Tobey, Wm. C. Taber, Stephen Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Samuel Boyce, Stephen Beede, David K. Aikin, Alfred H. Jones, Timothy K. Earle, Chas. R. Coffin, Obadiah Chase, Isaac R. Gifford, Russell Ordway, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Matthew Howland, Isaac Winslow, William S. Boyce, Wm. J. Robinson, Thomas Greene, Joseph Taber and Josiah Holmes, Jr.

Salem, Sandwich and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings propose to this Meeting the consideration of the subject of a revision of our Discipline; which is referred to the solid attention of the Meeting for Sufferings.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proposes that the place of holding their Meeting in the 11th month be changed from Somerset to Fall-River; which is approved.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Freed people of color, presented the subjoined report, which is very interesting, and the services of our friends of the committee so faithfully rendered, are gratefully acknowledged. and the following friends being the Executive Committee that specially served last year, are now reappointed to act, with a similar committee of women friends, on the part of this

Meeting the ensuing year, in this important engagement; and we desire their strength and encouragement, with a hope and trust that friends will freely render them the material aid they may need in this good work; to report to us next year, viz; Edward W. Howland, Alden Sampson, Benjamin Buffum, Nathan Breed, William C. Taber, Saml. Boyce, Edward Earle, John G. Whittier, Joseph Cartland, Charles B. Cates, Joseph Grinnell, Joseph P. Newhall, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles R. Coffin, Henry T. Wood, Thomas Dillon, and Moses Sawyer.

[Women's Committee; - Anna B. Earle, Gulielma M. Howland, Ellen K. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Eliza B. Boyce, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Sarah T. Sampson, Anna E. Wood, Susan Taber, Ann Maria Coffin, Ruth B. Gifford, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Mary Osborne and Margaret B. Cates.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The joint committee under appointment to carry out the concern of the Yearly Meeting for the freed people of color, report that, as heretofore, their efforts have been concentrated at the mission in Washington.

The first care of the special committee in charge of the mission, was to secure superintendents, and it was only with much persuasion that our esteemed friends Richard and Abby L. Battey were again made willing to enlist. This being accomplished they felt that their work for the coming year was well begun. The Committee have during the past year as heretofore, had the kind co-operation of the officers of the Freedmen's Bureau, together with some pecuniary assistance which has rendered all their efforts more effectual.

The store, which had been so satisfactorily carried on by our friend William A. Sampson under the care of the Committee, has been sold to him, together with the stock on hand, and he still continues to dispense to the people just weight and measure, at the same time that he is giving many a useful lesson in virtue and morality.

The house for which an appropriation was made last year, has been built. There are still two vacant

1867. lots on which it is desirable to erect houses, as they are much needed; but as the expense of building is so great at the present time, it has not been deemed advisable to proceed.

The Schools were opened about the first of Tenth month, and in a very few days were filled to their utmost capacity — the teachers being obliged to refuse many who applied for admission. The intermediate School under the charge of Rebecca H. Mason as principal and Sarah T. Carey as assistant, has numbered, during the year 170 different pupils, average attendance 84. This school numbered at its close 85. One half day in each week has been spent in teaching the girls to sew, and most of them can now sew very neatly. A Society was formed in this school called the "Juvenile Lincoln Temperance Society", and 103 pledged themselves to abstain from all intoxicating drinks and tobacco.

The Primary School, under charge of Mary L. Hawes as Principal and Mary E. Lee as Assistant, has numbered 160 on its list. The average attendance has not been given us, but it has been larger than in the intermediate school. Mary L. Hawes has had at different times the further assistance of Hannah Ellis and Abby G. Hawes. Fifty of the little girls have been taught to sew. One afternoon in each week has been devoted to that object.

The teachers report "that the progress of their scholars has been all they could reasonably expect."

The Schools were closed on the 29th of fifth month, by a public examination, attended by the acting Commissioner and the Superintendent of Schools, for the Freedmen, who both expressed their satisfaction with them.

A very interesting evening school, mostly for adults, with an attendance of from 60 to 80 scholars, has been kept up the greater part of the time.

The First-day School has been continued with unabated interest, often numbering nearly 200, and it is with gratitude we acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered in this department by several residents in the city, not of our mission family. The Sewing School has been conducted with increased usefulness under the supervision of Abby D. Batley and Mary Osborne, assisted a part of the time by Rebecca L. Capron.

Early in the season, the School received from Richard Cadbury, (Treasurer of the Freedmen's Association of Philadelphia) a valuable contribution of material and clothing from friends of the cause in England. The Freedmen's Bureau also furnished a large amount of material for work. From these contributions, together with material furnished by N. H. Sampson, and some purchased with the Society's own funds, they were enabled to provide work for 78 women who have made 1962 garments, for which they were paid $579.23. "Our leading design it has been our desire to furnish employment more especially to those, who, from delicate health or family cares, have been unable to go out to service." They also report that during the season they have noticed a decided improvement both in the sewing and the deportment of the women in attendance.

In addition to this industrial work, Abby G. Hawes has conducted a class of 75 children in braiding straw. These little ones have braided 3231 yards of straw, and have been paid for their work $\$51\,^{33}/_{100}$. Ten of the larger girls have learned to sew this braid and have made 110 hats. The committee feel much satisfaction with the results of the work. The money which the children have earned, though not large in amount, has, in some instances done great good, and the habits of industry and thrift taught at an early age may be of incalculable benefit in after life. The committee believe that every practical mind will be convinced of the value of these industrial departments. The Officers of the Bureau have always commended them, and are desirous that they should be continued even though it may be on a diminished scale.

During the first three months of the season, the place of visiting agent was filled by Hannah Baldwin, an intelligent colored woman of Washington, who also acted as agent for disbursing some funds for the Freedmen's Bureau. At the expiration of that time, the funds of the Bureau being exhausted, the committee deemed it best to dispense with her services; and Sarah E. Wall once

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more volunteered to resume her labor in the mission. Her presence among the sick, the poor, and the lowly was hailed with joy, though many times she could do nothing more than give a little good advice and a few kind words.

The number of garments gratuitously distributed was 1896, and their nominal value was $1271 93/100. Shoes were given to the amount of $300. Groceries and fuel were given to the amount of $390 more, making the whole amount of gratuitous distribution $1961. 61/100 *

Your committee feel more and more warranted in the opinion that anything like an established alms-giving cultivates a spirit of begging and tends to demoralization; but they are assured that great usefulness will result from the labors of a judicious visiting agent. The sub-committee wish through this medium to express their grateful appreciation of the conscientious manner in which Richard & Ann Bettle [illegible] to promote every interest of the mission, and of the efficient labors of the teachers and visiting agents in the various departments assigned them.

Although the condition of the Freedmen has been much improved in many respects, yet it is the opinion of those who have given the most attention to the subject during the past year, that a committee should be appointed to continue such action in their behalf as way may open for.

It is believed that the funds now on hand, together with the rents to be received for the houses and sale of store, will defray the expenses of the educational and industrial departments in Washington for the coming year; but we have been urged by the Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau to furnish teachers and establish some schools in rural districts, where they are greatly needed. Should this request be complied with, further contributions of Friends will be necessary, if teachers must be secured for the ensuing autumn.

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* Of this sum $410, was contributed by Friends of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and was forwarded direct to Richard Bettle for this purpose, and does not therefore appear in the account of our Treasurer.

Except in isolated cases very little of extreme physical suffering now exists among the freedmen; but their need not only of the elements of literary instruction, but of moral and religious culture, was never more urgent than at the present time; and while fields of almost entire destitution in these respects are open before us, we trust that the interest and the labor of Friends will be continued for this work.

In conclusion, such of the Committee as have visited the Schools feel abundantly compensated for the time & attention they have bestowed, by witnessing the zeal of our teachers, together with the thirst for knowledge of these little ones, which have, in some instances produced results rarely witnessed in Schools of the same grade at the North. The care and labor bestowed upon these hitherto neglected children, have been not only as "bread cast upon the waters" but their immediate reward has been fifty and one hundred fold; and we feel that we have much cause for gratitude to our Heavenly Father who has so wonderfully blessed these efforts in their behalf.

## Financial Report

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| Received from C. F. Coffin, Treasurer | $2989.41 |
| " for Rents of houses | 882.13 |
| Total - - - - - - - - | $3,871.54 |
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| Paid for repairing buildings | $217.60 |
| " " Salaries to Teachers | 1125.23 |
| " " School books & Materials | [illegible] |
| Lumber & carpenter work on School Rooms | 69.82 |
| Fuel for Schools & Mission | 272.89 |
| All other Mission Family Expenses | 2119.74 |
| | $3.871.54 |

All of which we respectfully submit

On behalf of the Committee { Edward W. Howland
Ann B. Earle

Newport. 6 Mo. 17th 1867.

Report of the Treasurer of New England Friends' Washington Mission for Freedmen

The receipts have been for the past year

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| Balance from last year | | | $553.63 |
| From Smithfield | Quarterly | Meeting | 400. |
| " Fairfield | " | " | 292. |
| " Sandwich | " | " | 1,083.82 |
| " Falmouth | " | " | 55.65 |
| Vassalboro | " | " | 233. |
| " Rhode Island | " | " | 712.50 |
| " Salem | " | " | 779. |
| " Dover | " | " | 155. |
| | | | $ 4,264.60 |

The expenditure from the Treasury the past year has been -

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| Amount drawn by the Washington Committee for support of the Mission | $ 2,989.41 |
| Balance in the Treasury | 1275.19 |
| | $ 4,264.60 |

C. H. Coffin, Treasurer

Newport 6th Mo. 17th. 1867.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon

Afternoon met by adjournment

[illegible] appointed last year to unite with similar Committees of other Yearly Meetings in adopting such measures, as way might open for to promote the cause of Peace, presented the subjoined report, which is very satisfactory to this meeting. [illegible] deep interest of the Meeting, and fervent were our [illegible] that every effort consistent with the truth and with our [illegible] [illegible] Meeting refers the subject to the solid consideration of the Meeting for Sufferings, and they are requested to give it their careful and prayerful attention; and if in their judgment, it is desirable to proceed in adopting [illegible] [illegible] they are authorized to [illegible] [illegible] on our behalf, and report next year.

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting to meet in conference with committees from other Yearly Meetings to deliberate upon the subject of taking measures for the promotion of Peace,

Report; That all their number except one, met in Baltimore with the other Committees at the time appointed, and the responsibility resting upon them was deeply felt, and [illegible] desires raised for that help, in which alone they could be properly qualified for the service [illegible] them.

A very lively concern was manifested for the faithful maintenance of our principles against all wars and fightings, and for the encouragement of our members in adhering, without compromise, to our testimonies in relation to the peaceable nature of the [illegible] of Christ.

Encouraging communications from the Meeting for Sufferings of London, and from Friends in Ireland, were received and read, expressive of their unity and sympathy with Friends in the object of their meeting.

An address to our own members, exhorting them to become faithful [illegible] against all war, was read, and [illegible] thereof printed and sent to our Yearly Meetings for distribution. A copy of the address is herewith presented:—

To Members of the Religious Society of Friends.

Dear Friends & Brethren;—

[illegible]

as delegates from the Yearly Meetings of [illegible], New York, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Baltimore and North Carolina, [illegible] the means of promoting a more thorough [illegible] support of the principles of Peace in the world; our hearts have been drawn with affectionate solicitude to the members of our Religious Society, [illegible] profess to be the disciples of the Prince of Peace, their submission to his commands may become more entire, and their light shine more brightly before men. Under these feelings we are constrained to address you, and to ask your prayerful consideration of this deeply important subject. We do not propose to enter into an elaborate argument—the testimony of ancient prophecy concerning our Redeemer, as the Prince of Peace, and to the peaceable nature of his Kingdom is clear and pointed, and when in connection with this, we consider the angelic anthem accompanying his advent into the world, his own example, his positive precepts and injunctions, together with many declarations of his Apostles*, we cannot fail to be confirmed in the conviction that peace is the necessary consequence of the full acceptance of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

And when, furthermore, we call to mind the practical testimony of the early Christian church, for which not a few of its members suffered martyrdom; and the faithfulness of our religious Society, in this respect, from its origin to the present time, under the trying and varying circumstances by which its members have sometimes been surrounded, we must acknowledge ourselves to be under very strong obligations to uphold, in all its fulness, this Gospel truth.

We would remind you, dear friends, that it is through "faith and patience" we are to "inherit the promises", and you know that we are sometimes called into suffering for our Lord and for his cause; great sacrifices may be required of us, but powerful indeed is the influence upon others of meek and patient endurance for the sake of Jesus.

Whilst earnestly desirous that we may be faithful to our enlightened convictions of duty, whatever it may cost us, we would remind you, for your encouragement, that many remarkable interpositions of an Almighty Providence in favor of those who have refused to engage in war have been experienced. The history of our Religious Society furnishes many instances (some of which have occurred in our own time) in which the Lord hath shown himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts were perfect toward him". Although the kingdoms of this world are not yet "become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ", yet he reserves to himself the power of an over-ruling Providence, by which he causes "all things" whether labors or sufferings, to "work together for good to them that love him". He knows what is best for us, and for his cause.

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* Ps. 72-7. Isa. 2-4; IX. 6; XI. 9; LII. 7; Mic. 4. 4; Hos. II. 18; Zc. 9. 10; Matt. V. 9, 44; XXVI. 52; XXVI. 67; XXVII. 30; Lu. II. 14; Rom. XII. 17-21; I. Pet. II. 21; Jas. IV. 1; &c, &c.

Whilst, then, we would encourage you to render a willing obedience to all requisitions of the Government under which we live, which do not conflict with the paramount law of Christ, let us remember that our primary allegiance is to him who has paid the price of our redemption, even the King of kings and Lord of lords. "The Lord is our law-giver the Lord is our king, he will save us" Is. XXXII. 22. Let us dedicate ourselves afresh to his service, and may our love abound more, both among ourselves and towards all men. Then we shall not be content to bear a negative witness for our Lord on this point but will diligently press upon the attention of others this important Christian testimony. This may be done by parents and teachers early & persistently impressing the great principles of Peace upon the minds of their children, both at home, in school, in our First day schools and Bible classes, by the circulation of appropriate tracts, by lectures or by clear forcible articles written for the religious and secular press; and if in any other manner we may be able to diffuse light on this subject "let us do with our might whatsoever our hands find to do", and let our earnest and united prayer be, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Conference
Francis T. King, Clerk

Baltimore 11mo. 16th 1866.

The address to other Christian professors was also prepared and read, and referred to a committee for revision to be reported again at the adjournment of the Conference.

The propriety and expediency of memorializing Congress, requesting that body to take measures for promoting the settlement of international difficulties, without resorting to the sword, was very fully considered, but way did not open for any action thereon.

It was concluded to propose to our several Yearly Meetings, that they appoint standing committees on Peace, in order to give increased efficiency to our testimony in relation thereto.

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Much harmony and condescension prevailed, in the consideration of the various subjects brought before the conference, all of which was disposed of in the spirit of love, and we believe that the time spent together, was a season of encouragement one to another; and the Meeting adjourned to meet again in Richmond, Indiana, in the 3d. Month.

At the time and place agreed upon, the Meeting again assembled. Unavoidable circumstances prevented the delegates from New England from being present, and none were there from Iowa. By the Secretary of the Conference we are informed that a memorial to Congress was prepared, petitioning that body to take measures for the settlement of international difficulties without resorting to the sword; and a committee was appointed to present the memorial at its next session.

It was concluded to recommend to the Yearly Meetings, that the standing Committees on Peace, (should the Yearly Meetings see fit to appoint them) should each appoint two of their number, who are to unite as a general Executive Committee to forward the promotion of Peace, and that the Yearly Meetings raise the sum of $10.000. annually, in the following proportions, to be expended by said Committee for the furtherance of this cause:

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| New England, | 19 per ct. | Ohio, | 10 per cent |
| New York, | 19 per ct. | Indiana | 24 per ct. |
| Baltimore, | 5 per ct. | Western | 12 per ct. |
| North Carolina, | 2 per ct | Iowa | 9 per ct. |

It is also proposed that the first session of this Executive Committee be held at Damascus, Ohio, on the 3d. Fourth day, the 20th of 11th Mo. 1867.

The subject of asking the coöperation of other evangelical churches, and their assistance, in the cause which brought the conference together, was [illegible] fully considered, and a general feeling existed in favor of such cooperation.

But as no definite plan of action was presented, the whole subject was referred to the Executive Committee which it is proposed should be appointed.

The address to other Christian professors, was again presented and read, and after a time of consideration it was referred to the general Executive Committee for its disposal. The Conference then adjourned

Wm C. Taber John Page
Saml Boyce Joseph Cartland

The Committee of this Meeting in relation to our long existing concern for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, made the following Report, viz; which, with verbal statements from the Committee, is interesting and satisfactory to us. The Committee are continued under appointment and authorized to draw from the treasury fifty dollars, to render them a little encouragement and to manifest our continued remembrance of them.

To the Yearly Meeting in the 6th Mo. 1867

The Committee having charge of the concern of the Yearly Meeting in relation to the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, Report; that they have given attention to the subject of their appointment, as far as way has opened and circumstances seemed to require. Of the Passamaquoddies we have little to say more than that their number continues nearly the same with but little change from year to year. They are in a general condition of thrift, and nearly all the children have some school advantages.

The School Committee of Oldtown whose duty it is annually to take the census of the tribe, not having made their returns for the last year, we are unable to give their number. It is probable, however, that they have somewhat diminished as there has been an unusual number of cases of sickness and death. By the last census reported, the number was five hundred.

The following extract from the Indian agent's report shows what is being done in the way of education. "Schools have been taught by female teachers on Oldtown, Olamon & Mattanawcook islands under the immediate supervision of the school committee named in the appropriation act. The management of this department has been faithful & satisfactory to the scholars & parents. The attendance and progress of the pupils have been as good as heretofore, & most of the adult members of the tribe manifest a commendable zeal and interest in the welfare of their schools." A new and commodious School-building has been erected during the past year, on Oldtown island, and the expense defrayed by an appropriation from the State. The lands of the tribe comprising the islands in the Penobscot river are every year growing less productive, the prevailing practice being to sell hay rather than keep stock to eat it.

The past year with the exception of the increased sickness, we believe on the whole to have been prosperous. A good harvest was gathered, and fair prices were realized for their crops and furs.

We would propose that the Committee be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the amount of fifty dollars, if circumstances require it in carrying out the concern of this meeting concerning these [illegible]

On behalf of the Committee

Augusta 6 mo. 17, 1867 Stephen Jones

[Committee, - John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Joseph Tober, Nathan Douglass, Allen Wire, Caleb Rickets, Samuel Taylor, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Henry T. Wood, George Richardson and Joseph Estes]

The Committee appointed [illegible] to propose the names of Friends to compose a Meeting for Sufferings presented the following, which are satisfactory to us; and they are accordingly appointed to represent this Meeting during the ensuing year, and to act on our behalf in relation to subjects which may claim their attention, according to the organization and design of that meeting, - to report their proceedings to us next year, viz:

David Buffum, [illegible], John D. Lang, [illegible], Joseph [illegible] of [illegible], Stephen Jones, David K. [illegible], Stephen A. Chase, Wm. Hall, [illegible], Wm. H. [illegible], [illegible], Richard Mott, [illegible], John [illegible], [illegible], George [illegible], [illegible], Edward Earle, Joseph Cartland, [illegible], George Howland Jr., Edward W. Howland, Charles R. Bailey, Reuben T. Jones.

Charles F. Coffin, Matthew Hazard, Jun., [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], Thomas Harkness, Obadiah Chace, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Abraham Winslow.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes, made the following report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting,

The Committee to settle with the Treasurer, and for other purposes, have attended to the duty assigned them, and find a balance due the Yearly Meeting, amounting to $708.87/100. They recommend that the sum of Three Thousand Dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and nominate David Buffum for Treasurer.

For the Committee
William A. Robinson

Newport, 6th Mo. 19th 1867.

Which is approved, and our [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] David Buffum [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The Committee to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Joint Committee [illegible] [illegible] David Buffum, Saml. Boyd Tobey, William A. Robinson, William C. Taber, Gilbert Congdon, Samuel Boyce, Charles [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] Edward Earle, Joseph Cartland, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], Charles F. Coffin of Lynn, Charles Taber, which are satisfactory to the meeting, and those Friends are accordingly appointed to unite with a similar committee of women Friends, to have charge of the Boarding School during the ensuing year, and report next year.

[ Women's Committee,- Sarah F. Tobey, Ann B. Earle, Dorcas B. Robinson, Eliza B. Bra[illegible], Rebecca C. Grinnell, Dorcas F. Tucker, Rhoda H. Taber, Sarah Sampson, Anne T. Davis, [illegible] H. Cartland, Rachel B. Nichols, Mary P. Jones, Mercy W. Ward, Gulielma Freeborn, Ann Colton and Eunice [illegible] Hurlburt.]

A testimony of [illegible] Monthly Meeting endorsed by [illegible] Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late, dear [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the time, and being approved it is directed that it be recorded. This memorial has brought our late beloved friend sweetly to our remembrance.

The Committee in relation to a rep[illegible] of the [illegible] General Epistle, report that the [illegible] has been attended to, and put in packages for the several Quarterly Meetings which the Representatives are requested to take into their care.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Fifth Day afternoon the 20th. the meeting again assembled according to adjournment.
The Representatives all present.

The Committee on Education presented the subjoined report, which is satisfactory to us, and we desire the encouragement of the Committee in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] year

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the subject of Education report that [illegible] attention to the important subjects under our care; [illegible] [illegible] such immediate results as might be expected, but [illegible] interest among our members, particularly on the subject of Scriptural instruction. By reference to the statistical information herewith presented, it appears that there has been an increase in the attendance of First day schools of nearly two hundred. Through the action of the Committee, a conference on the subject of Scriptural instruction was held in the 5th Month last at Lynn, and proved to be an interesting and instructive occasion.

We desire to call the attention of our members to the fact, presented in the returns, that but 210 of the 961.

of our children attend Schools for literary instruction, that are under the care of Friends, believing, that during the impressible period of childhood, we should make use of all laudable means to guard our dear children from the [illegible] influence of the world

On behalf of the Committee
Samuel Gifford, Clerk

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| The No. of Friends children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of five and twenty one years | 961. |
| The No. of Monthly Meeting Schools | 2. |
| " Preparative " " | |
| " Family Schools | 2. |
| The [illegible] Friends children [illegible] | [illegible] |
| The No. who have attended School, taught by Friends or under their control | 21[illegible] |
| The number of our members engaged in teaching, the past yr | 11 |
| The No. obtaining an education at Academies and Colleges, not under the care of Friends | 75 |
| The No. of First day Schools under the care of Friends | 48. |
| Average length of time in months | 7[illegible] |
| The No. of scholars attending these Schools | 1748. |
| The No. of Friends " " | 1005. |
| The No. of Teachers engaged in them | 208. |
| The No. of Bible Classes | 29 |
| The No. attending Bible Classes | 391 |
| [illegible] No. of Persons belonging to the Yearly Meeting on the 1st day of 8th Mo. 1867 | 4307 |

[illegible] Samuel Austin, Abel F. Collins, Samuel Gifford, Nathan Breed, of Weare, John H. Chapman, Abraham J. Huntington, [illegible] Mathias [illegible] Matthew Barnes, [illegible] Nathan Babcock, James S. Arnold, George Douglass, Henry [illegible], Nathan Pope, Silas H. Cartland, Thomas B. [illegible] Jedediah [illegible] [illegible]

[Women's Committee. Cynthia Bown, Guilielma [illegible]
Mary W. Minder, Mary G. Collins, Mary Slade, Lydia
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[illegible] Jane W. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Anna M.
[illegible] Scott, [illegible] R.
King, Mary J. Page and Zilpha Shepherd.]

A testimony of Durham Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late dear friend Mary P. Varney, was received [illegible] desire that her instructive life may be usefully remembered and emulated by us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish our friend James N. Richardson with the following minute signed on our behalf, viz:

"To [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends, Ireland:
Our beloved friend James N. Richardson attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been truly acceptable."

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Samuel Bewley, viz:

"To Dublin Monthly Meeting of Friends, Ireland:
We have in attendance of this meeting our beloved friend Samuel Bewley, whose company is truly acceptable to us."

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Nathan Elliott, and similar ones for our friends Hannah S. Frye, Julia Valentine, [illegible] Joseph [illegible] B. King, [illegible] S. Pope, Robert W. Douglass, Daniel McPherson and Lindley M. Hoag, viz:

"Our valued friend Nathan S. Elliott attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friend [illegible] Griffith, and similar ones for our friends Mary [illegible]

Catharine Elliott, Ann J. Mathews, Margaret L. White, Hannah Jonson, Isaac Stanley, and John Pope, viz:
"Our beloved friend Amos Griffith attended this meeting. His company has been acceptable to us."

A Memorial of Durham Monthly Meeting endorsed by Falmouth Quarterly Meeting concerning our late valued friend Eunice H. Day, was presented and read, and being approved, it is directed that it be recorded. In the decease of this our beloved friend, we realize that the church militant on earth has sustained a great loss, but that she is united to the church triumphant in Heaven.

The Committee on [illegible] Epistles, [illegible] the brethren of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa and Canada Yearly Meetings, [illegible] to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to cause 2500 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting [illegible] heretofore.

The various important concerns of the Church claiming our attention have been satisfactorily disposed of. Love and unity have been [illegible] we have mercifully witnessed that the great Head of the Church has been near us — blessed be his holy name.
We [illegible] same time, next year, if the Lord permit.

Charles R. Tucker
Asst Clerk

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# Epistle sent

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island in the 6th mo 1867

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London

Dear Friends

Your Christian salutation of the last month is received and we heartily concur with you in the desire that the bonds of Gospel fellowship, proceeding as they do from a union to our common Lord, may long continue to join us together in His service to the glory of our God and to the advancement of the kingdom of his dear Son our Saviour.

Our meeting has been largely attended and we have been encouraged in witnessing an increasing concern on the part of many of our members to know in themselves more of a growth in the things pertaining to a spiritual life - an increasing desire after a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. This has been especially apparent among the younger members [illegible] has cheered our hearts, that while we could rejoice with these newly awakened ones in the sweetness of the attainment of knowing the Lord to be their portion, - that they might abide and dwell under the shadow of the Almighty - we could also feel that a succession of laborers was being raised up, who if they continued to walk in the fear of the Lord, looking continually to Him for guidance and direction, would not only be qualified to build up the old waste places but also be instrumental in bringing the outcast and the wanderer from the highways of sin into the marriage supper of the great King.

Greatly do we desire that such may not stumble at the outset, but when trials and difficulties beset them, may they, with the Psalmist, remember the years of the right hand of the Most High - the dealings of the Lord's [illegible] to their souls, and by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving making their requests known unto him, they will witness Christ Jesus, their [illegible] [illegible]d sanctification and redemption.

We have been favored at this time with the company of dear friends from Ireland, as well as from distant parts of our own land, whose ministrations have been comforting and edifying; and we have thankfully to acknowledge the goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father in thus having [illegible] as a further evidence of his continued love and that his face was still towards us for good.

Our Committee in care of the colored people report their attention in relieving the distressed and in promoting the cause of education among them. While [illegible] majority [illegible] principles of moral [illegible]. May we all be enabled to unite in this important concern, under a deep sense of the value of their [illegible].

With the salutation of love we remain your friends and brethren

Charles R. Tucker
[illegible] Clerk

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To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Dublin

Dear Friends

We are again assembled in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, and have thankfully to acknowledge that the [illegible] Head of the Church has been near, cementing us together in the bonds of Christian fellowship and in his love granting us renewed ability for [illegible] affairs of the Church.

How comforting is the language of our blessed Lord when he was about to ascend up into heaven, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

This declaration should animate us when humbled [illegible] a proper qualification [illegible] for Jesus, feeling and realizing that we have at the right hand of our Father in heaven, an Advocate making intercession for us.

How encouraging is the promise that whatsoever we shall ask in his name that will he do that the Father may be glorified in the Son. And if it is his will that we should be led into trials and sufferings may we remember that it is through tribulation we are to enter the kingdom of heaven or that this is the way for us to become the children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if so be that we suffer with him. This blessed promise should stimulate us to increased dedication of heart, and in our moments of [illegible] hold of the hope set before us, which hope we have as an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast, which entereth into that within the vail whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus.

We unite with you in giving thanks to our heavenly Father that our lives have thus far been preserved [illegible] the dreadful conflict through which our country has recently passed we were encouraged in remembering the divine protection witnessed by Friends in your land at the time of the rebellion about the close of the last century. And we hope and pray, that should scenes of danger and bloodshed again occur, you may be strengthened to put your trust in the same Almighty power for deliverance and preservation

The Committee on the subject of encouraging and aiding the Freedmen have made an interesting report [illegible] improving. The schools at our mission at Washington have been kept up most of the year, and the moral and religious [illegible] gratifying and encouraging. Our committee is continued for further labor on their behalf.

Our Boarding School committee has made an interesting report, by which it appears that there is cause for believing that the Institution continues to answer in good [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] and an additional building is now being erected for the accommodation of the scholars.

Our meeting has been larger than usual, and we have had the company of many of our beloved youth, some of whom are giving evidence, by their solid deportment, that they are under the preparing hand for usefulness in the church.

We have had, at this time, the acceptable company of our beloved friend [illegible] Richardson from your Yearly Meeting.

Your acceptable Epistle of last month has been received and read

With the salutation of love we [illegible]

Charles R. [illegible]
Asst. Clerk

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To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in New York

Dear Friends

Under a renewed sense of the love of God, which has begotten in us love for the brethren, and brought us to feel the import of the words of the Apostle, "One is your Master even Christ and all ye are brethren", do we salute you.

In coming together in our annual meeting, we were deeply humbled under a sense of our shortcomings, and in the remembrance of the many blessings bestowed upon us in unmerited mercy, by the great Head of the Church we have been constrained to exclaim "Lord, what is man that thou art mindful of him and the son of man that thou visitest him!" Yet he whose word is yea and amen forever has remained pleased to verify his promise, that "when the poor & needy seek water and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them." [illegible] among our [illegible] in the midst of the [illegible], and we were enabled to enter into the consideration of the affairs of the church with renewed strength, feeling that

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the mantle of divine love was mercifully spread over us. The attendance of our meeting at this time has been large, and it is cause of renewed thankfulness to our Father in Heaven that our younger members are giving evidence that they are under the preparing hand for usefulness in the church. Fervent have been our prayers that these tender lambs may be kept as in the hollow of the Divine hand, that they may grow in grace and in the saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ which shall [illegible]

yield.

A large number of scholars attending First-day [illegible] is receiving increased attention, and the blessing of our Father in Heaven rests upon our efforts in this cause.

Many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings have been with us at this time, from whom we have received [illegible]

Our Boarding School is reported to be in a flourishing condition, and increased accommodations for the [illegible]

With you, we feel that the necessities of the freedmen still claim our sympathy and active benevolence [illegible] improvement.

In conclusion, dear friends, may the blessing of the Lord rest upon you and upon us, directing from our [illegible] and strengthening for every good word and work.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends.

Charles R. [illegible]
Asst Clerk

To the [illegible] Meeting of Friends held in Balt[illegible]

Dear [illegible]

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been comforting and edifying to us, and we appreciate the salutation of love.

We deeply sympathize with those who feel that they are isolated and weak in their scattered meetings and we would commend them to the care of Israel's Shepherd.

The attendance of our Yearly Meeting has been large this year and we have realized the wing of Ancient Goodness to be spread over us, and have rejoiced in [illegible] preside over the assemblies of his people.

We have been favored to transact the business of our [illegible] and a concern has arisen amongst us that there may be an increased dedication to the Lord's work and service in his church, and the number of faithful laborers may be multiplied. As it is the Lord alone who can qualify for his service, we believe that if we are careful to abide under the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit and to move under his right guidance, that the Lord will raise up faithful ones and qualify them for every good word and work.

It is our concern that all our dear brethren may not only seek to know the will of the Lord, but that we also may seek for strength and ability to do it to his praise and honor.

We have to rejoice that the Lord has turned the feet of many of his messengers this way at the present time. Their presence and labors have been encouraging to us. Their account of the work of evangelization and of the progress of education amongst the freedmen are gratifying to us: and we pray that the Lord may grant his blessing upon our united labors in this direction.

Brethren, pray for us, that the will of the Lord may be accomplished in us, and that all may be done to his honor and glory.

With the salutation of love we are your friends & brethren.

Charles K. Hacker
Asst. Clerk

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To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends,

Through the continued mercy of our heavenly Father, we have been permitted again to meet in our annual assembly for the transaction of the important concerns of the church, and we would acknowledge the favor with thankful hearts.

We have received your acceptable epistle of the eleventh month last together with similar tokens of Christian regard from each of the other Yearly Meetings with which we hold correspondence.

Our meeting has been more largely attended than [illegible] have been disposed of in harmony and love.

It has been cause of encouragement and comfort to us to witness the interest which has been manifested by our beloved young people - many of whom are in attendance - in the affairs of the church as they have come before us. We rejoice in the belief that some of [illegible] religion, and express a concern in their purity of testimonies which we, as a people, have felt called upon to bear. When we consider that the future welfare of our Society [illegible] them are our desires that they may be preserved in a close and faithful adherence to the principles & precepts of the Gospel, looking unto him who is able & abundantly willing to [illegible] that he will not fail to be their support in every time of need, as they are engaged to seek his aid.

The Report of the Committee having charge of our Boarding School shows that the Institution is in a [illegible] answering the design of its founders.

We have at this time the acceptable company of [illegible] friends from other Yearly Meetings whose [illegible] have been encouraging to us.

We continue to feel a deep interest in the spiritual and temporal welfare of the freed people of the South

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and fit are qualifying and [illegible]

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren.

Charles R. Tucker
Asst. Clerk

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To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

The reading of your acceptable epistle, with similar tokens of brotherly regard from all the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, has awakened feelings of gratitude to our Heavenly Father and raised earnest desires that we may all be strengthened, and grow in the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our annual gathering is large, and precious have been the evidences of the Saviour's presence [illegible] been favored to transact the various affairs of the church in harmony and love.

The company of many minister friends [illegible] with us from other Yearly Meetings has bowed our heads with thankfulness to the Great Head of the church. May their labors among us be blessed by Him, and they, after the fulfillment of their purpose, be enabled to return to their homes with the sweet reward of peace.

The guarded education of our youth continues to receive our attention and the evidences of an increasing interest [illegible] regard to Scripture Schools and classes are very encouraging.

[illegible] report of the Committee [illegible] charge of our Boarding School, we are informed

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them to increase its efficiency and usefulness.

The state of Society as evinced by the reading of the answers to the queries from our Subordinate meetings, has awakened a deep and earnest solicitude that we may not be unmindful of our failings, and though we may feel that we "are as nothing" yet [illegible] that it is [illegible] and the all and it is only as we are wholly given up to serve him and obey the gentle leadings of his Holy Spirit that we shall become "mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds."

The claims of the Freed people upon us continue to have our unabated care & attention; and although circumstances may change the mode of meeting them, yet we are sensible that it is not the time to relax our efforts for their welfare whilst we realize that "the harvest truly is great but the labourers are few."

The presence of a large number of our younger members, and their active interest in the various concerns of society have been truly edifying and we can adopt the language of the apostle "whom when we saw we thanked God and took courage."

In conclusion, dear friends, in the love of Christ and his gospel we commend you with ourselves, in prayer, to the Lord.

Charles F. [illegible]
Asst. Clerk

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Through the mercy of God, we have again been permitted to meet for the transaction of the affairs of the church, and we would thankfully acknowledge that through the several sittings of this meeting, we have realized the overshadowing of the Divine presence.

Your acceptable Epistle of 10th Mo. last has been received, with similar tokens of Christian regard from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. The read[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] gospel of Christ. In response to your Christian salutation, we would say "Grace unto you and peace be multiplied"

We [illegible] Lord in heaven our unchanging High Priest – that it has not only pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell, [illegible] all things to the church"

Accepting the testimony, "Thine is the kingdom & the power and the glory," with what reverence and self abasedness does the contrite soul enter upon the work assigned him by his Lord, breathing the fervent prayer "Make me one of those babes to whom thou wilt reveal thy will". Believing as we do that it is the design of our [illegible] [illegible] earth, earnestly do we desire that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

In this service of our Lord we may have both to labor and to suffer. [illegible] "that [illegible] Christ [illegible] suffer for his sake"

[illegible] that much is being done in behalf of this people. Many of our young friends are engaged with their elder brethren in this service.

Scriptural instruction in our families and in First-day Schools is increasing amongst us. Our Boarding School is in successful operation, and we believe continues to be blest to the youth among us.

Our meeting is larger than usual, and among [illegible]

Lord is preparing them for usefulness in his vineyard.
With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren

Charles R Thacker
asst Clerk

To Western Yearly Meeting of Friends

Beloved Friends

We have been permitted through the mercy and goodness of our heavenly Father again to assemble in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting. Our hearts we trust, have been closely united together by the love of God [illegible] has been graciously pleased to manifest himself by his Holy Spirit to be in our midst, and to cement us [illegible] to his militant church.

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[illegible] all the other Yearly Meetings with which [illegible] have been received and read; and dear friends this interchange of love and Christian regard is precious to us.

We were also favoured with the acceptable company of several ministering friends from other Yearly Meetings whose Gospel labors have been salutary and to our encouragement in the truth.

Our Boarding School as shown by the Report of the [illegible] Committee, is in a good measure answering the [illegible] for which this Meeting has [illegible] manifested since the establishment of that Institution.

First-day Schools for religious instruction are claiming our increased attention, and not a few are the evidences [illegible] both the children and [illegible] have been [illegible].

The Indians are still objects of our tender regard and [illegible] in charge [illegible] the concern of this [illegible] made a Report giving an interesting account of their labors.

The deficiencies reported in the answers to the

Queries, from our several Quarterly Meetings called forth from concerned friends, much counsel and advice, to our comfort and edification;

Our Meeting has been largely attended; and some of our young men are giving evidence that they are under the preparing hand of the great Head of the church, and in due time will become the mouths [illegible] of those who have long borne the burdens in the heat of the day.

Our business has been transacted in harmony and condescension, and we have witnessed as we trust through our several sittings the arm of ancient goodness to be round about us; and fervent have been our prayers that all the praise may be given to him who alone is worthy, with the Son of his love.

Brethren, farewell, [illegible] and in [illegible] grow and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.

Charles R. Tucker
Asst Clerk

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To [illegible] Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

In this our annual meeting our distant friends are brought sweetly to remembrance by the reading of [illegible] Epistles, which evince a united interest in our temporal and spiritual concerns.

We feel this Epistolary correspondence to be greatly instrumental in encouraging and strengthening our widely scattered Society.

Our Meeting this year is larger than usual; [illegible] that with our dear young men and women, there is an increasing [illegible] the [illegible]

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unreserved dedication, may be theirs.

A lively concern prevails with us, that our highly professing Society, everywhere may dwell near the fountain of life, & witness its healing strengthening waters to invigorate our hearts and produce that greenness and fruitfulness which evinces to those around us, that we are branches of the living vine. When we are favored thus to dwell in Him there is nothing found in our midst to scatter or divide, to weaken or destroy, but unity of spirit in the bond of peace is witnessed, attracting others to come and put their trust in Him.

In a review of the state of Society we find deficiencies still exist, yet we trust there are many among us to whom the cause of our Lord is increasingly dear, and our desires are earnest that that abiding place may ever be in watchfulness and prayer.

We desire to feel the importance and necessity of dwelling at the feet of our Lord and Master, and of our remembering that the cause is His and the power His, and that of ourselves we can do nothing.

The Report of our Boarding School Committee shows that institution to be in a prosperous condition.

We have been acceptably visited by several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings whose labors of love in the gospel we trust will not be in vain.

The Committee of this Meeting on the concerns of the Freedmen made an interesting report and we are encouraged to continue our labors for the comfort and improvement of this class of our fellow men.

With desires that the [illegible] of power may rest upon our dear brethren of your Yearly Meeting and elsewhere, we remain your friends

Charles F. [illegible]
Asst. Clerk

# To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends

To you, beloved friends, whom we have so long been accustomed to address as a part of the Yearly Meeting of New York, we now offer our affectionate salutation in your capacity of a new Yearly Meeting [illegible] [illegible]

We desire for you, that, in your widely extended limits, you may be as an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains, and that in the [illegible] of the great Husbandman "the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon" So that, coming up in and living before him, you may, more and more, become a joy to all your brethren, beautiful in situation on the sides of the north.

Our meeting is, at this time, larger than usual, and many of our younger members are giving evidence of a willingness to submit to the yoke of the blessed Redeemer.

[illegible] forwarded, and we accept with thankfulness, [illegible]

In a review of the long series of years since the establishment of this Yearly Meeting, marked though it be with seasons of [illegible] and infirmity, it is full of the [illegible] the faithfulness and love of the great Head of the Church.

To the safe guidance of His Holy Spirit we commend you in the discharge of the interesting and responsible duties [illegible]

Charles R. Tucker
asst. Clerk

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At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, beginning with public meetings for worship, at Newport and Portsmouth, on First Day the 14th, and at Newport for discipline on Second Day the 15th of Sixth month, 1868.

Our beloved friend Samuel Boyd Tobey, who has for many years served the meeting very acceptably as its clerk, having been removed by death, and our discipline providing that in the absence of the clerk, the clerk of the meeting for sufferings shall act in that capacity during the first sitting; Samuel Boyce, clerk of that meeting, will serve the meeting at this time.

By reports from our several Quarterly Meetings the Representatives therein named are:—

From Rhode Island, David Buffum, Thomas Harkness, Perez Peck, Samuel Gifford, Abner Slade, Peter H. Collins, Wm. A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, William Chase, George Bowen, Jonathan Freeborn, and Joseph C. Anthony.

From Salem, Newell Ordway, John H. Crosman, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, John Page, Charles F. Coffin, William A. Brown, Samuel Boyce, Josiah D. Challis, Jabez Wood, Moses F. Rogers, Daniel Beede, and Moses Sawyer.

From Sandwich, David K. Aiken, Josiah Holmes Jr., Rufus Sherman, Edward G. Dillingham, Henry T. Wood, Charles Taber, John Wood Jr., William P. Howland, Gideon Gifford, Isaac R. Gifford, and Newell Hoxie.

From Falmouth, Calvin S. Goddard, Freeman Andrews, John Cartland, Abram Winslow, Stephen Cartland, Ezekiel Varney Jr., William Hall, and Isaiah Frye,

From Smithfield, Samuel H. Colton, Richard Battey, Edward Earle, Greely Dow, Jonathan F. Southwick, Anthony Chase, and John Barnes.

From Vassalboro, Thomas B. Nichols, Charles B. Cates, Ebenezer Frye, Levi Gardner, John D. Lang, Josiah Philbrick, Caleb Nichols, Cyrus Estes, Jonathan Estes, Hezekiah Pope, Stephen Jones, and Franklin Dunham.

From Dover, John Estes, Jacob R. Purinton, Albert C. Buffum, George Estes, and Joseph H. Pratt.
From Fairfield, George Richardson, Levi Jones, David Dudley, Charles M. Bailey, Isaac Winslow, and Reuben T. Jones.-

whose names being called, they were all present but four; for the absence of three of whom sufficient reasons were aſsigned.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends, William Henry Chase and Lydia Green, from New York Yearly Meeting; Edward C. Young, from Ohio; John Henry Douglaſs and Harriet Steere, from Indianna, and William Wetherald, from Canada; who have produced satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, which have been read, expreſsive of unity with them as ministers, and with their prospects of religious engagements amongst us.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friend Daniel Mc. Pherson, from Indianna, who was present at our last Yearly Meeting, and whose certificate, read at that time, has again been presented and read.

We have likewise the acceptable company of our beloved friend Francis T. King from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, who has presented a minute of concurrence from his Monthly Meeting, informing that he is an elder in unity, which has been read.

We have also the acceptable company of our dear friends Elizabeth C. Underhill, companion to Lydia Green; Joseph W. Jay, companion to Edward C. Young; and Lydia Mary Mc. Pherson, companion to her husband Daniel Mc. Pherson, who have produced minutes from their respective meetings expreſsive of unity with them as members and with their present religious engagements

By the reports from our Quarterly Meetings it appears that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with South Kingston Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Peter H. Collins to the station of elder.

That Timothy C. Collins a minister of South Kingston Monthly Meeting deceased 5th. month 5th. 1867 aged 68 years 4 months and 1 day.

That Moses H. Beede, a minister and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, deceased the 19th. of 6th month, 1867 aged 72 years, 1 month and 6 days

That Samuel Boyd Tobey also a minister and member of that meeting, deceased 23d. of 6th month, 1867, aged 61 years, 7 months and 11 days.

That Joseph Metcalf, an elder and member of the same Monthly Meeting, deceased 27th. of 12th month, 1867, aged 84 years and 2 months.

That Joanna Peck, an elder and member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, deceased the 15th. of 10th month 1867, aged 81 years, 6 months and 16 days.

Salem informs that they have united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Mercy S. Milliken.

That Avis Keene, a minister and member of Salem Monthly Meeting deceased the 13th of 10th month, 1867, aged nearly 87 years.

Sandwich informs that Hannah Slade, a minister and member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, deceased 5th. month 1st. 1867, aged 79 years, 8 months and 2 days, and that Barbara Gifford, an elder and member of Westport Monthly Meeting, deceased 10th. month 6th. 1867, aged 84 years, 10 months and 26 days.

Falmouth informs that they have united with Limington Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Eunice D. Cartland to the station of an elder.

That Jeſse Croſsman, an elder and member of Durham Monthly Meeting died 31st. of 7th month 1867 aged 82 years; and that Henry M. Minott, an elder and member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting died 1st. month 7th 1868 aged 64 years.

Smithfield informs that Elijah Harkneſs an elder and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting died 11th. month 13th. 1865 aged 88 years 2 months

That Catharine Comstock, an elder and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died 6th. month 20th 1867, aged 73 years.

And that Lucy F. Collins, a minister and member of Bolton Monthly Meeting died 3d. month 21st. 1868, aged 58 years, 1 month and 19 days.

Vaſsalboro informs that they have appointed James Pope and Emily E. Dudley to the station of elders and that Hannah Jones an elder and member of China Monthly Meeting died 17th of Third Month 1868, aged 85 years.

That John Moulton an elder and member of Unity Monthly Meeting died the 27th of 11th. Month 1867, aged 63 years.

And that Unity Monthly Meeting proposes William Taber for correspondent of that meeting instead of Joseph Taber removed from its limits.

Dover informs that they have united with Dover Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearance in the ministry of Anna Maria Evans.

And that they have also united with Berwick Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Lucinda Pinkham.

Fairfield informs that Reuben Jones a minister and member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting deceased 17th. of 2d. Month 1868 in the 81st year of his age.

And that Mary Coffin an Elder and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting deceased 28th. of 8th. Month 1867, aged 69 years and 10 Months.

The London printed Epistle for the year 1867 has been received and read to our comfort, edification and encouragement; and in order that the instructive counsel therein contained may be more generally spread throughout our Yearly Meeting, we appoint our friends Charles R. Tucker and Charles Taber a committee to attend to a reprint of 3,000 copies thereof for distribution among our subordinate meetings; the Committee is requested to apportion them among the Quarterly Meetings, and place them in the hands of the Representatives.

Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, New York and Baltimore were read, and the meeting then adjourned to the 4th. hour in the afternoon.

Afternoon Friends again met.

David Buffum on behalf of the Representatives, reported, that they had conferred together and had concluded to propose Samuel Boyce for Clerk and Charles R. Tucker for Assistant Clerk, which nominations were approved by the meeting, and they were accordingly appointed to those services for the year.

Epistles from North Carolina, Ohio, Indianna, Western, Iowa and Canada were now read.

On the reading of these testimonials of brotherly regard, our beloved friends of other Yearly Meetings were brought near to us, in the love of the Gospel and we appoint, Charles R. Tucker, Benjamin H. Jones, Gilbert Congdon, William C. Taber, Newell Hoxie, Augustine Jones, Stephen A. Chase, Charles Taber, Charles F. Coffin, Samuel Boyce, Thomas B. Nichols, John D. Lang, Stephen Beede, Richard Battey, Charles B. Cates, Samuel Gifford, Matthew Howland, John Page, Edward Earle, Joseph Cartland, John Barnes, Henry T. Wood, James G. Arnold, William A. Brown, Newell Ordway, David Buffum, John Milton Earle, and Stephen Dillingham, to prepare as way may open for it, essays of Epistles to those Yearly Meetings, and present them at a future sitting.

All the Quarterly Meetings report, that they have given the necessary attention to the raising of Yearly Meeting stock as directed last year.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting requests that this meeting may take into consideration the subject of a new apportionment of stock to be raised by the Quarterly Meeting, and we appoint our friends William A. Robinson, Moses F. Rogers, George Howland Jr. Elisha Jones, Samuel H. Colton, Hezekiah Pope, Jacob K. Purinton and Charles M. Bailey to take the subject into consideration and report their views thereon at a future sitting.

Said Committee are also requested to audit and settle the accounts of our Treasurer; to propose a sum of money sufficient to defray the expenses of this meeting the coming year, and to report the name of a Friend for Treasurer.

Dover Quarterly Meeting requests that the time of holding their Quarterly Meetings be at 10½ o'clock A.M. instead of 11 as heretofore; which being approved by the Meeting, the change is accordingly made.

The report of our Boarding School Committee was at this time received and read, and the attention given by them to the concerns of the Institution is satisfactory to this Meeting, and we appoint our friends, William A. Robinson, Thomas Harkneſs, Thomas Folsom, John Page William R. Howland, Henry T. Wood, Stephen Cartland, Abram Winslow, John Milton Earle, Richard Battey, Stephen Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, Stephen Beede, Jacob K. Purinton, Charles M. Bailey, and Reuben T. Jones, to bring forward at a future sitting the names of Friends for a School Committee for the ensuing year.

The Report is as follows:

To the Yearly Meeting,

The Committee in charge of the Boarding School, report, that during the Autumn term there were in attendance 172 pupils, viz: 101 males and 71 females. In the Spring term 150 pupils, viz: 97 males and 53 females.

The officers of the Institution have been Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the Female Department; John F. Rowell, Alice R. Wing, and Sarah A. Taber, teachers of English Branches; William B. Phillips, teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; and George W. Wiggin, teacher of Mathematics. Mary A. Cornell and Sarah F. Coffin have been employed as teachers of English branches during the Autumn and Spring terms respectively; and Sarah A. Taber, in addition to her other duties, has had charge of the drawing claſses. Under this organization the interests of the Institution have in every respect received careful attention, and the progreſs of the pupils in their studies have been satisfactory.

During the past year the pupils have attended the meetings held in the City on First Day morning and in the middle of the week, except that occasionally, during inclement weather, meetings have been held on First Day morning at the school; which have been attended by one or more members of the Committee. On First Day afternoons and evenings, portions of time have been regularly devoted to Bible instruction, and the reading of such selections as were thought calculated to fasten upon the susceptible minds of the pupils impreſsions that might tend to their future benefit.

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The daily practice of reading portions of the Holy Scriptures at the breakfast table, and before retiring for the night is still continued.

The health of the school has been remarkably good during the past year, and we have gratefully to acknowledge the continued kindneſs of our Heavenly Father for this bleſsing.

The report of the auditing Committee shows that the income of the school during the year ending 6th month 24th 1868, will exceed the current expenditures by about five thousand three hundred dollars, which has been appropriated to reduce the debt of the Institution.

Alumni Hall, which was in proceſs of erection at the time of our last report, has been completed; and was, with the girls' lodging rooms, thrown open to the use of the pupils at the commencement of the Spring Term.

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| The whole cost of the building, including furnishing, grading grounds, and other expenses connected with its erection is | $43,202.44 |
| There was contributed by the Alumni Association | 10,870.24 |
| Net profits of the school during the past four years appropriated to this object | 17,149.42 |
| | $28,019.66 |
| Leaving the amount of indebtedneſs of the school at the close of the present term | $15,182.78 |

The anticipated benefits resulting from the erection of the Alumni Building have been more than realized

The superior accommodations furnished the girls have added largely to their comfort and produced a decided improvement in their general health, especially diminishing the number of colds.

The charges for board and tuition for the ensuing year of forty weeks, we propose should be as follows; one half payable at the commencement of the school and one half at the opening after receſs viz:–

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| For members of our Yearly Meeting | $150.00 |

For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such $ 190.00;
For all others that may be admitted $ 300.00:

An additional charge of ten Dollars is made for one years instruction in Latin, Greek, French, German, or drawing.

Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half year only when application is made therefor at the time of entering. It is very desirable that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half year may be as small as poſsible, as, in the arrangement of claſses and studies, reference is made, primarily to those who remain through the year, constituting as they do, a large majority of the school, and it will therefore happen that those who remain but half the term will receive much leſs than a proportionate share of advantage.

Applications for admiſsion should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 14th. of Seventh month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting, will have precedence of all others up to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Applications should be made to the Principal. Addreſs Albert K. Smiley, Principal, Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

The Committee were induced, in order to meet some urgent cases, to anticipate the income from the charitable fund, consequently there will be no available means from that source the ensuing year, and it is expected that the United States legacy tax will absorb the ensuing years' income from the Metcalf donation.

In conclusion the Committee feel aſsured that the literary standing of the school has been well maintained — its discipline carefully administered, and its finances prudently and efficiently managed. They therefore would commend it to the confidence of Friends, trusting that with the bleſsing of our Holy Head upon the religious engagement of its founders, and the concern of the Church to promote the religious and literary education of the young people under our care, that this Institution will continue to be instrumental for good to our religious society.

On behalf of the Committee
Wm C. Taber, Clerk.

Providence 6th. Mo. 2d. 1868.

The School Year begins 9th month 2d. 1868
Recess of two weeks begins 1st. month 20th. 1869
Second half year begins 2d. month 3d. 1869

We appoint Thomas Harkness, Joseph P. Newhall, David Kelly, Lemuel Jones, Amos Collins, Charles B. Cates, Timothy B. Hussey, and Levi Jones, to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries, and present it at our next sitting.

Adjourned to meet again at 10 oclock to-morrow morning

Third Day morning the 16th, met pursuant to adjournment The Representatives are present the same as yesterday.

The meeting entered upon the consideration of the state of society by the reading of the queries and answers, during which a very precious covering was spread over us, attended with a comforting evidence that the blessed Head of the Church was near to do us good.

And having proceeded as far as the second query inclusive, the meeting then adjourned to four o'clock in the afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends again met, and the meeting proceeded to the reading of the remainder of the Queries and answers During the whole of this interesting engagement, we were in mercy favoured to feel the overshadowing of our Heavenly Father's presence and our absent brethren were brought very near to us in the love of the gospel.

The answers to the Queries evinced, as heretofore, deficiencies in the maintenance of our Christian testimonies, prominent among which, is a want of the due attendance of our meetings for religious worship.

We were most tenderly reminded of the obligations we are under to Him from whom all our blessings both temporal and spiritual come, to meet together, for the performance of this duty.

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If we were concerned in sincerity to seek first the kingdom of Heaven and His righteousness, we should not let these seasons pass by without improving them; we should in watchfulness and prayer guard against letting the things of the world so engross our minds, as to prevent us from meeting with our brethren for the purpose of acknowledging our dependence upon, and our allegiance, to the Great King of Kings.

We should prize it as an invaluable blessing to sit down with our friends at the Lord's table, and there partake of that spiritual refreshment, that heavenly bread which can alone nourish up the soul unto everlasting life.-

With those who belong to very small meetings we were brought into near and tender sympathy, and ardent desires that they be not discouraged on account of the smallness of their numbers, but in true and living faith manifest their love for the Saviour by meeting ever with the two or three that are gathered in His name, remembering that He hath promised to be amongst them. We believe that we cannot properly perform the duties we owe to our Lord and master without attending in watchfulness and prayer our religious meetings, and may we consider it a high privelege to be permitted so to do— may we number this among our choicest blessings. Our Lord and Saviour remains the same to day that ever He was, and every blessing conferred upon us brings additional responsibility.

Do we sufficiently realize this? Do we consider the marvelous love of our blessed Lord and Saviour?-

Do we consider the declaration, when he said, "greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends"; and ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you.

One of His commandments is that we love another. And if our hearts were filled with the love of God, there would be no room for detraction. We should not be willing to speak evil of a brother for whom as for ourselves Christ died.

If we remember that it is only as we forgive our brethren their trespasses that we can be forgiven, we cannot entertain any hardness towards them, and all bitterness and vil speaking would be done away, and we should be found bringing forth the fruit of the spirit, which is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, for against such there is no law.

Friends were fervently encouraged to increased diligense, in the faithful maintenance of all our Christian testimonies, and fervent desires were expressed that we all may be found walking worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, manifesting by our lives and conversation that we are the followers of a crucified Saviour, redeemed from the world, and thus become as a city set on a hill, the light whereof cannot be hid.

## Summary.

Ans. 1st.— All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, except the following omissions, viz: in Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, nine small meetings; in Salem, twelve; in Sadwich, two, omitted several times; and in Smithfield, one; most of which have been on account of the inclemency of the weather. Those on First Days by nearly all our members; but those for worship and discipline in the middle of the week are more neglected. The hour nearly observed; mostly clear of sleeping and other unbecoming behaviour therein; care is reported as taken in these respects.

Ans. 2d.– Love and unity are maintained by friends generally, though they appear to be wanting in a few. Detraction mostly guarded against; but more care in this respect is needed. Three Quarterly Meetings report no differences amongst them; in others, care has been taken to end them when they appear.

Ans. 3d.— We believe most friends have a concern to bring up those under their care in plainness; to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, also to be exemplary therein themselves; but more care in these respects is desirable on the part of some. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends' families.

Ans. 4th.— The use of spirituous liquors is confined to medicinal purposes except in one instance reported from one

Quarterly Meeting and "one or two" from two other Quarterly Meetings, in which care has been taken. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort avoided, except in a few instances. Clear in the other parts of this query.

Ans. 5th. — The circumstances of the poor, and the education of their children, have been attended to. None placed out from among friends.

Ans. 6th. — Mostly careful in these respects, a few instances reported of marrying those not in membership with us.

Ans. 7th. — Careful in the several particulars of this query, except a few instances of contributing to the support of a paid ministry, and a few of a military nature.

Ans. 8th. — Friends are generally careful in these respects.

Ans. 9th. — Careful as to records, clear as to certificates, except in a few instances under notice.

Ans. 10th. Friends have endeavored to deal with offenders in good measure agreeable to this query, but not so seasonable in some cases as would have been best. Careful to place judgment according to discipline.

The Committee appointed last year to attend at the opening of Canada Yearly Meeting, presented the following report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to attend the opening of Canada Yearly Meeting report that the undersigned of their number attended it.

They met at Pickering, Committees from Dublin, New-York, Baltimore, Ohio, Indianna, Western, and Iowa — forty four in all. The meeting was opened at the time proposed with a large attendance, and was manifestly owned by the presence and blessing of the head of the Church.

The Committee rejoice in the renewed assurance that the establishment of this new branch of our Christian Church will not only tend to the building up of its members in our most holy faith, but as they abide in the vine, be a means in the hands of our Heavenly Father, of promoting His kingdom and glory.

Newport, 6 mo. 15, 1868.

James Jones, Thomas Grover,
Nathan Breed, Elizabeth Meader,
Mary E. Breed, Anna G. Wood. and

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and the attention given to the subject is satisfactory to the meeting.

A testimony from Salem Monthly Meeting endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Mary Chase, was read, bringing our dear departed friend sweetly to our remembrance, and the Clerk is directed to have it recorded.

Adjourned to meet again at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning

Fourth Day morning, the 17th, Friends again met.

Representatives present as yesterday, with the exception of one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned. The Committee on the concern of the freed people of color presented the following report, viz: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

The joint Committee under appointment to promote efforts for the relief and improvement of the freed people of color present their fourth annual report.

Our former valued superintendents, Richard and Abby S. Batley, feeling that the time had come for them to be released from service at Washington, sent in their resignation, and some of the teachers were also unexpectedly prevented from returning. In the early part of last autumn, a meeting of the committee was called at Boston, and it was with feelings of discouragement that we met, for we hardly knew where to look for suitable persons to supply their places, and the time was short before it would be necessary to commence the schools for the winter. But as we believe, under the guidance of the good hand of Providence, way was opened before us, and we were so fortunate as to secure the services of our friends John C. and Hannah Gove of Lynn, Mass. as Superintendents, who went to Washington early in the Tenth Month to prepare the House for the Mission family. Several of the Committee followed shortly after with five teachers, viz: — Hannah S. Macomber, of New Bedford as Principal, with Elizabeth H. Valentine, of Salem, Mary Ellen Oliver and Mary E. Gove of Lynn and Susan H. Pierce of New Bedford as Assistants.

The Committee found some alteration necessary in the arrangement of the school building, in order to secure four rooms sufficiently large to accommodate fifty to seventy five scholars each. This enabled us, not only to grade our schools, but to place them under the same general rules and regulations

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as the other colored schools of Washington and Georgetown. A. E. Newton the superintendent of these schools has manifested much interest in the progreſs of our concern, frequently visiting our schools and encouraging the teachers by kind words of sympathy and commendation.

At the opening of the schools on the 21st. of tenth month, one hundred and thirty scholars were in attendance, and in a few weeks the number increased to two hundred and fifty. We deemed it best to confine our efforts mostly to school instruction. The girls have been taught sewing one afternoon in each week. About the middle of twelfth month, it being thought best that Elizabeth H. Valentine should devote her whole time as visiting agent of the Freedmen's Bureau in our District, we secured the services of Mary L. Blake of New-Bedforn to take her place in the school.

During the coldest weather the attendance of the youngest children ~~children~~ was neceſsarily reduced, and as Spring opened many of the older ones went to service. Still the average attendance for the term was one hundred and eighty. Most of the scholars were between the ages of six and seventeen years, but few men and women being in attendance.

Hannah S. Macomber reports, "The most advanced pupils can now read and write well, and have sufficient knowledge of Arithmetic to qualify them for the common duties of life, and could they now be removed from their homes of poverty and degradation, and placed in suitable families they would make good and respectable men and women; and although much, very much has been acomplished, a great deal remains yet to be done; for this poor degraded people cannot be elevated in a day. The evening school for adults, and those who could not attend the day schools, has been held two evenings in each week with an average attendance of sixty. It is in this school" she continues, "that the teacher finds that eager, earnest thirst for kowledge that makes her forget her weárineſs and the hour of closing comes quite too soon. We were regularly aſsisted in this school by Albert T. Shurtleff, a young man from Carver, Maſs. who lost his right arm in the late war,

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and who esteems it a privelege to devote one or two evenings in the week to teaching the Freedmen".

The First Day school, another interesting feature of our Mission work, which has been discontinued during the Summer, was also reorganizied, and placed under the faithful and efficient superintendence of A. K. Brown of the Freedmen's Bureau.

We were also assisted by several young men from the City, faithful, earnest workers, who were always present. The number of teachers was fourteen, and the average attendance of scholars one hundred and sixty.

The officers of the Freedmens Bureau being very desirous that some Friend connected with our Mission should act as visiting agent for that District, Elizabeth H. Valentine was requested to assume that duty, she being considered particularly well qualified for that service. She faithfully and acceptably filled this station until the end of Third month, when they ceased furnishing supplies. So well satisfied were the officers of the Bureau of her faithfulness and careful discrimination, they distributed, through orders issued by her, more than $5000 in fuel, food and clothing.

In her report, she says: "The extreme severity of the past winter, together with the great lack of employment produced much suffering among the colored people, which would have been greatly increased but for the supplies furnished by the Bureau. As Spring opened, it was gratifying to find that the able bodied men and women were generally eager in seeking for any work that they were capable of performing, and the men sought for recommendations from the agent, which being presented at the Bureau, might entitle them to be placed upon the list of candidates for employment by Government upon the roads, etc, ; and this method of furnishing recommendations for work to those who were industriously disposed, proved a great help and encouragement to them." She laboured also with the delinquent ones in the neighborhood whose conduct had excluded them from the privelege of attending school, but who listened most respectfully to the advice given. Also to some of the adult pupils of the evening school who had been inclined to indulge in the use of tobacco and intoxicating liquors, she sought opportunities to offer timely words, not only of reproof but of encouragement, and was happy to see many of them forsaking their evil practices and giving marked evidence of improvement. Finding that the children of the colored people laboured under great disadvantages, in their total want of home education, she invited the mothers to meet together, when their duties and responsibilities, as ability was given, were pointed out, and such reading introduced as seemed calculated to make an impression on their minds. She also visited, before leaving Washington, twelve different colored schools, reading to the scholars articles adapted to their situation, and, as way opened, talking with them. And in some instances, as afterwards appeared, these leſsons had not been in vain. She was also, when other engagements permitted, an efficient laborer with the other teachers, in the First Day and Evening schools.

About the middle of Twelfth month, Sarah E. Wall, who for three winters has given gratuitous service, again resumed her duties at the miſsion, and in the beginning of First Month, Margaret P. Valentine joined the miſsion family as an aſsistant to her mother; also giving her service gratuitously until the end of Third Month. Upon M. E. Valentine's arrival, Sarah E. Wall was enabled to devote her attention wholly to the benevolent department of our miſsion, and was actively engaged in visiting families and providing for the comforts of the sick. Owing to the generous provision of the Bureau for the relief of destitute colored people of the city, the actual need of aid of this kind from our Miſsion has been leſs than in former years, being confined to the sick, to those who needed immediate aſsistance, and to those who did not properly come within the limits of the provisions of the Bureau.

In her report, Sarah E. Wall says: "Many of the school children were suffering from the want of shoes, and fifty dollars worth were given them from the Benevolent Fund. During the winter, extreme cases of destitution of women and children were relieved from the same source. About $50 was given in payment for work. As the Bureau has furnished sewing to all the women who could leave their homes, much leſs work has been given out at the Miſsion, and yet enough to clothe and feed many a poor woman."

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She also "purchased two hundred yards of cotton cloth and calico, which was given out gratuitously, or in payment for work, and the making up of their cloth into garments, furnished work for those women who could not leave their homes."

"On New Years day" she continues, the school children received each a present of a handkercief, a piece of soap (an essential article here), and one or two articles of clothing, a pair of stockings or mittens, a comforter or a shirt, and every girl a sleeved apron. Each child received the estimated value of one Dollar. The number of articles bestowed was four hundred valued at $250. Boxes were received from Lynn and New Bedford, containing valuable contributions in clothing for these gifts, and the deficiency was supplied from our Benevolent Fund.

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| The whole number of garments given during the winter from this fund was five hundred, valued at | $350.00 |
| Value of groceries and wood bestowed . . . . . . . . | 84.75 |
| Value of shoes given . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 125.00 |
| | $559.75" |

Different members of the Committee have visited the Mission from time to time, during the winter, to their great satisfaction. Several of our number were also present at the public examination of the schools on the 20th. of Fifth Month, and were much gratified with the orderly deportment and close attention of the children, and their marked progress in reading, spelling, arithmetic, and geography. They also exhibited some good specimens of writing, and very ready and correct map drawings, all of which gave abundant evidence of the patient and faithful labour of our teachers, and of the intelligence of the pupils.

Those of the Committee who were present at the opening of the schools, and again witnessed this closing examination, felt that the great change wrought in the children was truly surprising. Some of them had never been at school before, or under any proper restraint, and were wild and untrained; and others without any home influence for good, had during the long Summer vacation become restless and undisciplined, so that, at first, it was found difficult to control them. But under the gentle discipline of conscientious teachers (moved to this service, as we believe, by truly philanthropic motives), they became, by the end of the term, quiet and watchful of their teachers wishes.

At the opening of the school, portions of Scripture, carefully learned, were repeated in concert by the pupils, when a short devotional pause ensued, their heads bowed in reverent silence.

The Holy Scriptures have also been daily read in the schools, and in the family circle, and health and harmony have been preserved during the winter.

The schools closed on the 21st. of Fifth Month, and the Miſsion family returned to their homes in the North.

In addition to the operations from our Benevolent Fund, and the gratuitious distribution before stated, the expenses and receipts for the year have been as follows:

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| Paid for repair of buildings | $ 75.54 |
| " Superintendents and Teachers | 1.544.96 |
| " for family expenses | 1.470.67 |
| | $ 3.091.17 |

Receipts.

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| From Charles F. Coffin, Treasurer | $ 1.285.19 |
| " rent of houses | 840.12 |
| For board, including that of Geo. H. Phillips, the store keeper | 283.66 |
| From Freedmen's Bureau, principally for travelling expenses of teachers | 99.21 |
| Sundry small receipts from various sources | 76.42 |
| From sale of store, on account | 420.05 |
| " sale of cow and milk | 86.52 |
| | $ 3.091.17 |

Contributions in money from Friends in Providence were also remitted to Washington, amounting to $135.50, which sum has been expended for books, slates and stationary for the schools, except a ballance now on hand of $15.95.

In view of the succeſs which has attended our efforts, and the bleſsing which has evidently rested upon them, and in view also of the fact, that the City Government of Washington still refuses to pay the teachers of any of the colored schools, the Committee have fully considered the propriety and neceſsity of continuing our school another term. The funds at our disposal will, we believe, defray the expenses thereof without additional contributions. We are, therefore, united in recommending the continuance of this concern for another year in the hands of a committee,

On behalf of the committee,
Edward W. Howland.
Ann B. Earle.

Which is satifactory to the meeting; and the care and attention manifested in this important engagement are gratefully acknowledged by the meeting, under a belief that these labors for the comfort and improvement of the freedmen have been bleſsed to that people.

The Committee with the exception of Nathan Breed, released at his own request, are continued and are desired to extend their care and supervision over the miſsion for another year, and William A. Brown is added to the Committee.

And the Trustees holding the property at the Miſsion, are hereby clothed with power to dispose of any portion of real estate belonging thereto, whenever they shall think it advisable for the good of the concern, pursuant to authority vested in them by the following minute, viz:

To all whom it may concern.

This may certify that by two instruments, bearing date A.D. Two certain parcels of land with buildings thereon, situate at Washington, District of Columbia, were conveyed to Edward W. Howland and Edward Earle of Maſsachusetts, Alden Sampson of Maine, and Benjamin Buffum of Rhode Island, in trust for New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, said persons being duly authorized and appointed as Trustees thereof, and having accepted said trust.

Now therefore we, the said New England Yearly Meeting, at a duly authorized meeting thereof, and with full right, authority and power so to do, do hereby authorize, empower and direct the said Trustees to sell, and convey, and in such manner and at such periods dispose of the said Real Estate, as in their judgment shall seem best.

And, furthermore, to execute all deeds, instruments, and writings in any manner connected with said sales and conveyances.

Committee Edward W. Howland, Alden Sampson, Benjamin Buffum, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, Edward Earle, John G. Whittier, Joseph Cartland, Charles B. Cates, Joseph Grinnell, Joseph P. Newhall, Timothy B. Huſsey, Charles F. Coffin, Henry T. Wood, Thomas E. Steere, Moses Sawyer, William A. Brown, Ann B. Earle, Gulielma W. Howland, Ellen K. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Eliza B. Boyce, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Sarah T. Sampson, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, Ann Maria Coffin, Ruth B. Gifford, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Mercy Osburn, and Margaret B. Cates.

The records of our Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were laid before us and read, and the proceedings approved by this meeting.

One of the exercises of the meeting brought to our notice was the preparing of an essay on the subject of peace, which having been read, was referred back to that meeting for revision. And that meeting was left at liberty to publish the eſsay at its discretion when revised.

Adjourned to meet again at 4 oclock this afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends again met.

Another subject brought to our notice by the reading of the records of the Meeting for Sufferings, was a communication received from Baltimore Meeting for Sufferings, calling their attention to the condition of Friends of North Carolina, and asking aid on their behalf for the purpose of sustaining the schools which have been established there by Friends; and our friend Francis T. King, of Baltimore, gave an interesting account of the condition of Friends in that section, stating that much improvement has been made in education, and in the management of their agricultural pursuits; and appealing to Friends of this Yearly Meeting for further help.

The condition of our beloved friends in North Carolina has received our warmest sympathy, and this meeting agrees to furnish one thousand dollars per year for two years, to aid in defraying the expenses incurred in keeping up the present system of education and agriculture among them. And our treasurer is authorized to pay the sum of one thousand dollars per year for two years to Francis T. King, from the Yearly Meeting's treasury.

The Committee on education, presented an interesting report, namely:

To the Yearly Meeting:-

The Committee on the subject of education and Scriptural Instruction report that an increasing interest is manifest among us, on these important subjects.

The Boarding School at Providence and also Oak Grove Seminary at Vaſsalboro', continue succeſsful, and afford the means of education under the care of Friends.

By the statistical returns, which are herewith submitted, and other information received from the correspondents in our Monthly Meetings, it appears that religious instruction from the Holy Scriptures in families, Bible claſses, and First Day schools, is becoming increasingly dear to our members, as well as other means which are largely embraced by many, for the diſsemination of religious truth, such as reading meetings, tract aſsociations, and tract distribution, etc.

And we continue to recommend these subjects as of vital importance to the welfare of our Society, and also to urge upon each member of the Church the necessity of increased faithfulneſs in guarding the religious and literary education of our youth and children, and may those who thus labor have an abiding faith in that power which is able to raise up children unto Abraham.

On behalf of the Committee.

Samuel Gifford, Clerk.

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| The number of Friends children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of five and twenty one years - - - - - | 906 |
| The number of Monthly Meeting schools | 2 |
| The number of Preparative schools | 1 |
| The number of Family schools | 1 |

The number of children who have attended school the past year - - - - - - - - - - - - 780
The number of children who have attended school taught by Friends or under their control - - - - - 158
The number of our members engaged in teaching the past year - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 104
The number obtaining an education at Academies and Colleges, not under the care of Friends - - - 48
The number of First Day schools under the care of Friends 50
Length of time these have been taught average 8 months
The number attending these schools - - - - - - - - - - 1733
The number of Friends attending these schools - - - 1018
The number of Teachers engaged in them - - - - - 213
The number of Bible claſses - - - - - - - - - - - - - 45
The number attending Bible claſses - - - - - - - - - 663
The number of Friends attending Bible claſses - - - 523
The number admitted by request during the year endg 5 mo 27
The number of members received by certificate from other Yearly Meetgs 10
The number of members removed by certicate to other Yearly Meetgs 13
The number of members deceased - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 91
The number of members disowned - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 26
The whole number of members belonging to the Yearly Meeting on the first day of 5th Mo. 1868 - - - - - 4549

Which being read is satisfactory to the meeting and the committee, with the exception of Henry M. Minott, deceased, and Jacob S. Hawkes removed, with the addition of Calvin S. Goddard, are continued for another year; and this meeting would encourage them to increased efforts for the establishment of First Day schools, and for the proper education of our youth in other respects, and report to this meeting next year.

Committee, — Joseph E. Macomber, Solomon R. Knowles, Samuel Austin, Abel F. Collins, Samuel Gifford, Nathan Breed of Weare, John H. Croſsman, Abraham J. Huntington, Edward W. Ewer, Nathan T. Shepherd, Matthew Barney, Isaac R. Potter, Adrian Davis, Charles Taber, Isaac Hare, Nathan Babcock, James G. Arnold, George Dougluſs Nathan Pope, Silas H. Cartland, Thomas B. Nichols, Alfred H. Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, J. Varney, Amos D. Purinton, Albert C. Buffum, George Varney, George Richardson, Levi Jones, Joseph S. Hawkes, Benjamin G. Shepherd, Prince G. Moore, Calvin S. Goddard, Cynthia Bowen, Gulielma Freeborn, Mary W. Atwater, Mary D. Collins, Mary Slade, Lydia P. Chase, Susan L. Beede, Elizabeth C. Wing, Ruth A. Shepherd Lydia Swain, Huldah B. Gifford, Rebecca A. Church, Susan Taber, Abigail S. Battey, Lydia B. Dow, Abigail Wheeler, Jane C. Minott, Salome J. Goddard, Lydia M. Pope, Rachel B. Nichols, Sybil Jones, Jane H. Varney, Anna M. Evans, Eliza P. Varney, Abigail Gould, Hannah R. Wing, Mary J. Page, Zilpah Shepherd, Emma Cartland, and Hannah B. Sawyer.

The committee to attend to a reprint of the London printed epistle inform that the service has been accomplished.

The committee to bring forward the names of friends for a School Committee presented the following, viz:

Committee.— David Buffum, Joseph P. Newhall, William C. Taber, Charles W. Weber, Edward Earle, Thomas B. Nichols, William P. Tuttle, Alden Sampson, William A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Boyce, Charles R. Tucker, Charles F. Coffin of Lynn, Richard Battey, Gilbert Congdon, George Howland, Jr. which being satisfactory to this meeting they were appointed to unite with a similar committee of the Women's meeting, and take the necessary care and supervision of the Boarding School for one year.

[Women's Committee.— Sarah F. Tobey, Eliza B. Boyce, Rhoda H. Taber, Mary C. Hawkes, Ann K. Colton, Rachel B. Nichols, Eliza P. Varney, Sarah T. Sampson, Gertrude W. Cartland, Dorcas B. Robinson, Ann B. Earle, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Dorcas F. Tucker, Anna T. Dennis, Gulielma W. Howland, Phebe R. Gifford.]

The committee appointed to make such provision as may be deemed necessary for the increased accommodation of our Women's meeting, presented the following report, which is satisfactory to the meeting, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:—

The committee appointed last year to make such provision as they may deem necessary to extend the house and make the accommodations more ample in the womens end of the house, Report that they have given attention to the object of their appointment:

They have enlarged the room by the addition of twenty five feet to its length; the youth's gallery has been re-arranged. By these changes, the capacity of the house has been increased so as comfortably to accommodate not less than one hundred and fifty persons more than before.

They have caused the whole house to be covered with two coats of paint, which with some minor but desirable improvements, have cost the sum of $4.028.70 two or three very small bills only remaining unpaid.

For the Committee,

Newport, sixth month, 17th. 1868 George Howland, Jr.

A testimony of Salem Monthly Meeting endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend, Avis Keene, was read and approved; also one from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend, Timothy C. Collins.

The reading of these testimonies brought to our minds a very precious remembrance of these dear Friends, and fervent desires were raised within us for increased dedication of heart, to our Lord and Master; and the Clerk is directed to have them recorded.

The committee to examine and settle the accounts of our Treasurer, and for other purposes, presented the following report, which is accepted, and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to pay their repective proportions of the sum to be raised to Gideon C. Smith, who is appointed Treasurer of our Yearly Meeting. And David Buffum, our former Treasurer, is directed to plase in the hands of Gideon C. Smith the papers and books in his hands, belonging to the Yearly Meeting. And the Treasurer is directed to give new notes for those given by David Buffum as Treasurer, which are unpaid, and to hire such further sums of money for defraying the expenses of the Yearly Meeting as may be needed the coming year.

To the Yearly Meeting:—

We have examined the account of the Treasurer, and find due him, twenty nine hundred and fifty eight dollars and fifty seven cents, ($2,958.57).

We propose the sum of six thousand dollars, to be raised by the Yearly Meeting this year, and the name of Gideon C. Smith for Treasurer.

Way did not open to make a new apportionment of expenses among the Quarterly Meetings, at this time

W. A. Robinson,
Newport sixth month 16th 1868 For the Committee

Adjourned to meet again at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Fifth Day, afternoon the 18th. The meeting again assembled.-

Representatives present with the exception of nine, for the absence of six of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

This meeting has at this time, and also upon some other occasions, been brought into exercise, and concern in regard to the use of tobacco, and the deleterious effects of this practise has been very fully spread before us; and believing that indulgence in the use thereof, is unfavourable to the promotion of good morals, and that it is injurious in a sanitary point of view, we would earnestly recommend that Friends abstain from its use; believing that by so doing an example would be set before the world which would tend to the good of mankind.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for William Henry Chase, and minutes of a similar tenor for Lydia Green, Edward C. Young, John Henry Douglass Harriet Steere and William Wetherald, viz:-

Our beloved friend, William Henry Chase, attended this meeting, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for Daniel McPherson, viz:-

Our beloved friend, Daniel McPherson acceptably attended this meeting.

The clerk is likewise directed to sign the following minute for Francis T. King. viz:-

our beloved friend Francis T. King acceptably attended this meeting.

The clerk is also directed to sign minutes of a similar tenor for Joseph W. Jay, Elizabeth C. Underhill, and Lydia Mary Mc. Pherson.

The meeting appoints the same friends to constitute a Meeting for sufferings, who composed it last year, with the exception of Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey and Henry M. Minott deceased, viz: — David Buffum, Perez Peck, John D. Lang, Samuel Boyce, Joseph Taber of Albion, Stephen Jones, David K. Aiken, Stephen A. Chase, William Farr, William C. Taber, Tobias Meader, Alden Sampson, William A. Robinson, Stephen Beede, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Battey, John Page, Charles R. Tucker, Lemuel Gifford, Nathan Breed of Lynn, George Bowen, Newell Hoxie, David Kelly, Edward Earle, Joseph Cartland of North Providence, George Howland, jr. Edward W. Howland, Charles M. Bailey, Reuben T. Jones, Charles F. Coffin, Matthew Howland, William A. Brown, Newell Ordway, Thomas Harkneſs, Obadiah Chase, Josiah Holmes, Jr. and Abraham Winslow.

The consideration of a revision of our discipline has engaged the attention of the meeting at this time, and it being believed that some changes therein are desirable we appoint William A. Robinson, Obadiah Chase, John H. Croſsman, Moses F. Rogers, George Howland, jr. David K. Aiken, George Douglaſs, Abram Winslow, Anthony Chase, John Milton Earle, Charles B. Cates, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph H. Pratt, Timothy B. Huſsey, William Farr, and Reuben T. Jones, to propose to this meeting names for a committee to unite with a committee of the women's meeting and give the subject their careful attention, and report such changes as they may think proper at our next Yearly Meeting.

This committee after conferring together, reported the names of the following Friends, who are accordingly appointed to that service, viz: — Joseph Cartland, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Newell Hoxie, Calvin S. Goddard, Richard Battey, Thomas B. Nichols, Stephen Beede, 1868 Moses Bailey, Obadiah Chase, Charles B. Cutes, Gilbert Congdon, Charles F. Coffin of Lynn, George Bowen, Joseph E. Macomber, William A. Robinson, Thomas Harkneſs, John Henry Croſsman, George Howland, Jr. George Douglaſs, Edward Earle, William Taber, Jacob R. Purinton, Reuben T. Jones, Henry T. Wood, John Page of Weare, Charles R. Tucker, Charles Taber, William A. Brown, John Milton Earle, Abel F. Collins.

Women's Committee.—Gertrude W. Cartland, Mary Williams, Elizabeth Meader, Cynthia Bowen, Mary E. Breed, Lydia Pope, Hannah B. Sawyer, Mary Alice Brown, Rachel S. Howland, Phebe R. Gifford, Ruth H. Baker, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Eunice J. Rich, Jane C. Minott, Mary C. Hawkes, Esther Jones, Ann B. Earle, Ann K. Colton, Peace Jones, Rachel B. Nichols, Eliza P. Varney, Lois J. Greene, Mary J. Page, Sarah T. Sampson, Emeline S. Myers, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail M. Hanson, Lydia Congdon, Gulielma W. Howland, Abby S. Battey, Sarah Osborne, Emily E. Dudley, Ann Elmira Lang Lydia P. Fry, Abigail C. Beede, Susan L. Meader, Fanny C. Pinkham, Sophia D. Bailey, Elizabeth C. Wing, Dorcas F. Tucker.

Two of the correspondents for London Yearly Meeting being removed by death, we appoint George Howland Jr. and Gilbert Congdon in addition to David Buffum and Stephen A. Chase now under appointment to serve as correspondents for this meeting.

Said Friends are also appointed correspondents for Dublin Yearly Meeting.

Our Meeting for Sufferings is requested to print an edition of such testimonials of deceased Friends as have been iſsued, since the last printing of testimonials, by this meeting.

The committee on correspondence presented Epistles to our brethren of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indianna, Western, Iowa, and Canada Yearly Meetings, which being read and approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to have 2000 copies of our minutes printed and distributed as heretofore.

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The business of our Yearly Meeting being now disposed of, we would acknowledge that we have felt from day to day our Holy Head to be near, humbling us under a sense of our weaknesses, and creating increased desires for the prosperity of the Church and the enlargement of her borders, and enabling us to transact the important concerns that have come before the meeting, in christian condescension.

Grateful for this evidence of the continuance of our Heavenly Father's love, we now separate, purposing to meet again at this place at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Samuel Pogue Clerk

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# Epistles Issued

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island in the Sixth Month 1868

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends, to be held in London

Dear Friends,

We have received your acceptable Epistle of the present year, and you are brought freshly and affectionately to our remembrance. We have thought of the years long gone by, when in the inscrutable wisdom and mercy of our Heavenly Father, our pious forefathers were given to see the beauty and excellency of the truth as it is in Jesus, and were led with so much boldneſs to exemplify and teach it.

They clearly saw that it consisted not in rites and ceremonies, not in any outward performances, but in a thorough dedication of the heart to God — a thorough submiſsion of the soul to Christ, so that by the washing of regeneration and by the renewing of the Holy Ghost, and the thorough application of the atoning blood of Christ they might be made meet and valiant soldiers of the croſs, and many among them, were thus enlisted under the banner of the croſs, and being enabled to fight the good fight of faith, became as lights in the world, a city set on a hill that cannot be hid.

We have rejoiced that from year to year and from age to age, a succeſsion of standard bearers has been raised up, who through the power of the Spirit have lived in and promulgated the same bleſsed experience.

But, looking forward, we have rejoiced with trembling, when we have remembered, how much of sacrifice is requisite, what thorough work must be made, in the natural corrupt heart of man, in order to witneſs being translated into the Kingdom of the dear Son of God — our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. When we have remembered how much is contained in the appellation of a disciple of Christ — a follower of the meek and lowly One — knowing Him to be our all in all, and altogether lovely — loving Him above all — submitting all to Him, as to our King — witnessing repentance towards God, and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is not in the will of the natural man, thus to serve Him. It is not in our own will thus to do. It is not in the strength of the unregenerate heart, that any of us can serve the Lord.

We are concerned that this truth should have its legitimate effect upon all among us. That we may realize that we cannot become servants of Christ, or be qualified to serve Him in any other way, than through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. (I Peter I - 2

On the present occasion, while our hearts have been saddened by the absence of many dear Friends, whom we have been accustomed to greet here, some of whom, since we last met, have gone hence to be seen of men no more; yet our meeting has been large, and many in younger life, have been in attendance, and among them those, who, we are encouraged to believe, are under the forming hand of our gracious Teacher, for future and increased usefulness in His church.

For these our hearts are warmed in fervent desire, that "the God of patience", (Rom. XV-5) may grant them to be like-minded, remembering the words of the Apostle, "But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it; (Rom. VIII. 25) abiding under the forming hand, in humble prostration of soul, sitting at the feet of the Master, hearing the gracious words that proceed out of His mouth, witnessing the cross of Christ to humble them, learning that this is the only place of safety for for them or for any of us — the work will progress, as is set forth in that instructive parable of our blessed Lord when He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till the whole was leavened. (Matt XIII. 33)

Among the subjects which have claimed the attention of our meeting at this time is the important testimony so long borne by Friends, to the unlawfulness of all wars and fightings. To the peaceable and peace loving nature of the religion of Christ. That indeed His Kingdom is not of this world, and therefore His servants cannot fight.

The freed people of color in our land, now happily delivered from bondage, have also shared in our tenderest sympathy. Kept in ignorance for so long a season under the galling and degrading yoke of slavery; they now present strong claims of the highest interest in the heart of every christian; inciting him to do what he may towards advancing their condition, and helping them to recover their almost lost manhood.

We have laboured in their cause, and are encouraged to believe, that our labour has not been in vain.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Boyce Clerk

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To the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Dublin

Dear friends,

We have come up to our annual aſsembly, many of us, we trust, bowed in spirit before our Heavenly Father, and we mourn at this time the loſs of an unusual number of our dear friends, whose seats are vacant. They were pillars in the church. They have been gathered, we trust, into the Lords house, to go no more out, having been ambaſsadors for Christ, labouring in that ability which God giveth, in winning souls to him, and bringing them into his fold.

Your interesting Epistle of the present year, has been received, and the reading of it, beloved friends, brought you very near to us. Your kind words of sympathy have been animating and cheering to our hearts.

Epistolary communications from London, and all the Yearly Meetings who correspond with us, on this continent have also been read, and we have at this time renewedly felt how precious and strengthening these communications are, between brethren, however widely situated, who profeſs the same faith in Him, who is

Head over all things to His church.

We are encouraged in believing that many of our young men, and those who are in the middle walks of life, have found Jesus to be precious to their souls, and that under the hand of the great Master Builder, they will, in times to come, bleſs His holy name, and in his own time be a means of gathering the lambs of the flock into the Saviours arms.

Several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings are acceptably with us, with whom we have taken sweet counsel. The subject of education continues to claim our prayerful attention, and a lively interest has been felt on this important subject, and more especially so by those more immediately engaged in schools, both for literary and scriptural instruction, and bleſsed be the name of our Father in Heaven, who mercifully designs to be with all those who are rightly concerned to labour in His cause. Your encouraging remarks in relation to the Freedmen of this land confirm us in believing that they have further claims upon us, for our sympathy and material aid.

Our gathering has been large. Our hearts have been touched by the love of God, and fervent have been our prayers, that in the richneſs of His mercy He may still regard you and us, dear friends, with an eye of compaſsion, forgiving our sins, and suffering His judgments to paſs lightly over us, for the sake of Him, who died that we might live.

Beloved brethren, farewell, May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Boyce Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in New York.

Dear friends,

We have been comforted and edified at this time by the reading of your acceptable Epistle of the present year, as with similar communications

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from other distant brethren, and in a measure of our Heavenly Father's precious love, which we gratefully acknowledge, has been mercifully extended to us, we tenderly salute you. Grace unto you and peace be multiplied.

The salutations from distant brethren in the Lord, confirm and strengthen our hearts.

Impreſsed as we are with the nothingneſs of man, whose breath is in his nostrils, and the magnitute of that cause, which is above all other causes, we have prayerfully desired to know only Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Aſsailed as the Church is with divers elements of strange doctrine and immature belief, we have been made renewedly thankful that the Lord in great mercy has enabled us, to comprehend in some degree, the heigth and debth of those precious words of our bleſsed Redeemer to the woman of Samaria, "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him, must worship Him in Spirit and in truth."

And a lively concern is begotten in our hearts, that we may realize, with the great Apostle, that we wage a constant and aggreſsive warfare against evil. That none are appointed to sleep in the watch towers of Zion. That negative belief is barren and unfruitful, and that vital, spiritual religion, is, to day, as positive in its manifestations, as fruitful in good works as in the Apostolic ages.

The subject of Peace, and the vital importance of our ancient Christian testimony against all wars, have been livingly before this meeting, awaking a fresh interest therein.

By the report of our Boarding School Committee we learn that the attendance during the year has been large, and the progreſs made by the students satisfactory. The concern both for the spiritual and intellectual welfare of the youth of our Society, has been living and weighty at this time.

Our schools for scriptural instruction as also, the distribution of the Holy Scriptures amongst Friends and others, continue to claim the earnest and prayerful

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attention of Friends, and we have been made earnestly to desire, that in all our searchings for truth we may walk under the guidance of the great Shepherd of Israel.

And now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultleſs before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Boyce Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Baltimore

Dear Friends,

In meeting together on this occasion, it has been granted to us to know afresh that our Master has been with us. Bleſsed forever be his holy Name, And we have received it as an evident token of His love, that our brethren far removed from us, and labour under circumstances so different from those which surround us have been brought near to us, and the affectionate remembrance of them awakened by their Epistles has refreshed our hearts.

We reciprocate with unabated earnestneſs and deep sincerity your ardent desire for the restoration of complete unity and harmony, throughout our religious Society. It is our prayer, that we all may be made perfect in one; and that the day may come, when, in simple obedience to the teachings of the Holy Spirit, we may rejoice that nothing is left to hurt or destroy in all God's holy mountain.

And now, brethren beloved in the Lord, we desire to tell you of our love for you, and of our gratitude for your fellowship and unity, and to extend to you our warmest sympathy in the arduous duties in which you find yourselves engaged. The cause of our coloured brethren, recently emancipated from long and unjust oppreſsion, lies near our hearts. We believe that you have been bleſsed in your labours among them, under the guidance of Him, who went about doing good. We trust that the Lord will continue to bleſs your efforts for their advancement in Christian knowledge and the arts of civilized life, and that the oppreſsor will no longer oppreſs, but rather that grace may be given him to acknowledge his former bondsman as a man and a brother, and to lend his aid to elevate and sustain him in his newly acquired liberty.

The kindred work of your North Carolina miſsion has also taken deep hold on our feelings. The evidence that it is indeed the Lord's work is full and complete. We rejoice, not only for what has been done on behalf of our beloved brethren, who, for so long a time, had been breathing the poisened air of slavery, but also, that through divine appointment, a service has been opened for you in their midst, believing that he that watereth shall indeed himself be watered.

We notice with great satisfaction the completeneſs of your work, and considering the vast field of labour now open at the South among all claſses, we hope that your educational establishment ment may become a model, and its influence be widely felt.

By information received from our subordinate meetings, we learn, that an unusual number of our elder brethren have been removed by death, during the past year. We sensibly feel their loſs.

Finally brethren this we pray "that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment", — "being filled with the fruits of rightiousneſs which are by Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God".

With the salutation of love we, remain your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Samuel Boyce
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To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends,

In this our annual aſsembly, we have again been permitted to feel in a measure of the fellowship of the Gospel of Christ, the bond which unites together all who love the Lord Jesus, the same to which you feelingly allude in your acceptable Epistle of last year.

The reports by that epistle, and also by the accounts of the Baltimore Aſsociation of Friends, of your continued efforts for the promotion of Scriptural instruction, and your growth in numbers and religious interest, has been cause of encouragement to us. "We are bound, in this", as said the Apostle, "to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet", and to desire that your faith may yet "grow exceedingly," and "that the charity of every one of you all towards each other" may abound yet more and more, so that coming "behind in no gift" you may increasingly "adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."

To the young men among you, we may say, that a goodly number of the same interesting claſs with us are giving evidence of having experimentally learned that no advantages of position, no amount of intellectual qualification, no gifts natural or acquired, *nothing* short of submiſsion to the crucifying power of the croſs of Christ, and the regulating influences of the Holy Spirit can make them members of his church, or fit them to labour succeſsfully in his cause.

Our Committee on Education has, at this time made an encouraging report, and the number and interest of our First Day schools is also increasing. We desire that all who may engage as teachers in these schools, both with us and you, while labouring with great simplicity, may remember that their opportunity for usefulneſs is very great, and that the training of dear children in a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and the record which God hath given us of his Son, is a high calling, worthy of their earnest and prayerful engagement.

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Our efforts during the past year, for the elevation and improvement of the Freed People of color have we believe been bleſsed. Our Miſsion at the City of Washington, has been continued, and schools for the accommodation of about 250 children have been maintained. Many of the men have been aſsisted in procuring employment, the mothers have been instructed in their home and domestic interests, and the advanced pupils have been sufficiently educated in our schools to enable them to enter upon the common duties of life.

We came together at this time, under feelings of weakneſs and infirmity. Since our last Yearly Meeting the hand of death has been heavy upon us, and many, loved and honored among us have paſsed away. But our meeting has been large, and we can acknowledge with gratitude, that our Heavenly Father has met with us, and has given us, from time to time, tokens of his love and regard. To Him be all the praise.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Samuel Boyce
Clerk

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To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends.—

Dear friends,

In meeting together at this time to transact the affairs of Society, we gratefully ackowledge, that effectual help has been extended in our time of need.

Your Epistle with those from other yearly Meetings, was read to our comfort and edification and with renewed interest for the welfare of our brethren wherever situated.

Our meeting has been well attended, and we have the acceptable company and helping counsel of several dear friends from other yearly Meetings, and are also much encouraged by the warm interest exhibited by many of our younger members, and earnest are our desires, and strong the hope, that they may, under the Preparing Hand come forward to take the places of those who have "borne the burden in the heat of the day," and that with greater faithfulness there may be an increase of blessings.

The consideration of the state of Society elicited much earnest and salutary counsel, and exhortation to greater diligence in the attendance of all our meetings, not only the larger, but of those however small, and that when thus gathered, we strive more for the Gospel power and life.

Our interest for the guarded and religious education of the young, we trust remains unabated, being fully sensible of its important influence on the character for usefulness and happiness here, and peace hereafter.

We have a deep and continued interest for the education and welfare of the Freed People, and hope that our labors on their behalf will not be relaxed until their rights as citizens are fully accorded to them.

The subject of Peace is claiming our serious attention

The use of tobacco has engaged our consideration, and in view of its baneful influence a minute to be sent to subordinate meetings discouraging its use was very cordially agreed to.

We have been brought into very near sympathy with our dear brethren of North Carolina, by a relation of the history of their suffering and stripped condition during the war, and their present need of pecuniary assistance.

We have appropriated one thousand Dollars a year for two years, to secure to them the continued benefit of the schools established by Baltimore Friends, which are at present in very successful operation, and for agricultural purposes. — The advantages of these schools, it is thought will not be confined to Friends but will by their influence prove to be of incalculable benefit to the Freed people and others.

With the salutation of love we are your friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Joyce Clerk

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# To Indianna Yearly Meeting of Friends.—

Dear friends,

Through the mercy of Him who hath loved us, and given Himself for us, to be "the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world" we have once more been permitted to gather in this our annual assembly, to transact the affairs of the church, and in abasedneſs of self been brought renewedly to feel our dependence on Him, through whose strength only can we do those things that He would have us to do.

The reception of your acceptable Epistle of 10th. month last, with similar tokens of the christian love of our brethren in the church from other Yearly Meetings, has filled our hearts with thankfulneſs. These aſsurances of brotherly esteem have awakened earnest desires, and our prayers have been raised, that we may be enabled duly to appreciate such priveleges.

Sweet and precious are the evidences of our Heavenly Fathers care, in turning the steps of some of the ministers of His gospel to be with us at this time. Their zealous self denying example, and loving meſsages in His service, have been comforting and strengthening to our souls.

The state of our Society as evinced by the answers to the Queries, has brought us under deep exercise, and much pertinent counsel from concerned Friends in the various portions of our aſsembly, with the awakening interest manifested by our middle aged and younger members, has caused us to hope as expreſsed in the words of the prophet, "Is it not a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed a forrest, and in that day shall the deaf hear the words out of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkneſs, the meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the holy one of Israel."

The Freedmen continue to receive our care and attention. The Miſsion and schools at Washington have been satisfactorily conducted the past year, and are proposed to be continued, and we believe that our labour in this cause has been largely bleſsed.

The guarded religious education of our youth, is, with us a living concern, and by the report of the Committee on that subject we learn that Scripture schools and the attendance upon them have increased the past year; and we desire to ever bear in mind that while "the Scriptures are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousneſs, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works, and are able to make wise unto salvation", it is only through repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, that remiſsion of sins that are paſsed by His atoning blood can be experienced.

Our Boarding School continues to prosper, and we have increased the accommodations for the girls lodgings and private retirement for study and devotion.

We can rejoice with you in an acceſsion, though small, to the members of our Society by request during the past year. "Would God that all the Lords people were prophets, and that He would put His Spirit upon them.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends and brethren in the Lord.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Pryce
Clerk

To Western Yearly Meeting of Friends.—

Dear friends,

Once more we have gathered from our respective homes, to worship our Father in Heaven and to transact the busineſs of our Yearly Meeting. Humbly are our hearts lifted unto God, for his great mercy, in thus sparing our lives, and granting us health to attend to the spiritual and temporal things of the Church.

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Comforting and strengthening it is to meet in brotherly unity those we so dearly love, and to clasp the hand of friends gathered with us to worship and adore our holy Head.

We look around, and the seats so long occupied by loved friends are vacant, and the admonition comes home to us, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." "Bleſsed is that servant, whom his Lord, when he cometh shall find so doing." "Verily I say unto you, that he shall make him ruler over all his goods."

Your acceptable Epistle of 9th month last, with similar tokens of love from other meetings with which we correspond has been read much to the comfort of our hearts.

Our meeting has been largely attended, and the many important concerns of the Society transacted, with, we trust, an eye single to the glory of Him that loved us and gave himself for us, bleſsed be his holy name forever.

Our Committee to have the care of the Freed-men at Washington has made a satisfactory report. Their labours have been arduous, but the bleſsing of Him who said; "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me", has been wonderfully and bountifully poured upon them.

Our aſsociations for the diffusion of Scriptural Instruction have been prospered and many new fields of usefulneſs have opened to them, in which, we trust willing hands will not be wanting to reap the harvest of the Lord, and gather wheat into the garner of our God.

By the report of our Boarding School Committee we learn that the attendance has been large, and the progreſs made by the scholars satisfactory, and with our enlarged building suitably separated into airy and pleasant appartments, where the youth may retire for study or devotion, we may reasonably expect, in the future, greater progreſs both in intellectual and spiritual things. We are increasingly made to realize the importance of a careful and religious education. — The salutary advice, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it", has lost none of its force, though uttered nearly three thousand years ago. Who cannot recall the tendering impressions made at a mothers knee.

The condition of the Indian tribes has claimed our attention and sympathy, and our meeting for Sufferings in the 8th month last appointed a committee to prepare a memorial to our Government on their behalf, which was laid before the President and other government officials in the Third Month last.

And now, dear friends, we commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyce
Clerk

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## To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends.—

Dear Friends,

Convened in this our Annual gathering, for the purpose of Divine Worship, and to attend to the various concerns of the Church, we have been brought into near sympathy, and Christian fellowship, with our brethren of other Yearly Meetings both on this Continent and beyond the sea, by reading the Epistles which have been received from them at this time.

Our meeting has been well attended, and we have been favoured with the company of several dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose Christian counsel and labours of love, have been truly comforting and edifying to us, bringing forcibly to our remembrance the language of the Prophet;—"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him, who bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation, that saith unto Zion, thy God reigneth."

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We were made to rejoice by reading your excellent Epistle of the 9th. month last, that the subject of schools under the control of Friends, for the more thorough and guarded education of youth, was claiming your earnest attention, and we would bid you God speed in the work.

Our Committee on the concern of the Freed-men made an interesting and satisfactory report, and have been encouraged to continue their labors and maintain the schools at our miſsion in Washington another year.

The Committee on Education also made a satisfactory report, shewing an increasing interest on the subject of Scripture Schools.

The state of Society as presented by reports from our Subordinate Meetings exhibited deficiences, which brought the Meeting into deep exercise, under which much tender counsel and wholsome admonition were imparted, both by our own members, and dear Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings. These reports also informed us, that an unusual number of dear aged Friends who had long stood as watchmen on the walls of Zion, and pillars in the Church, had been removed by death during the past year; and as we humbly trust from works to rewards, from the Church militant on earth to the Church triumphant in heaven Their memory is precious, and as we look upon the seats made vacant by their removal, we are made to remember the languge of Job; "Man cometh forth as a flower and is cut down he fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not.

We have been brought into near sympathy with our dear brethren of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, in consideration of their stripped condition occasioned by the late war, and have concluded to contribute one thousand dollars a year for two years, in order to continue among them a thorough system of education now in succeſsful operation. Which has been a great bleſsing to them and promises to be an incalcutable benefit not only to the childen of Friends, but to many others, both white and colored in that part of our land.

With the salutation of love, and sincere desires for your temporal welfare we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Pryce
Clerk

## To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends.-

Dear friends,

Your first Epistle addressed to us, has been received and read at this time, with much satisfaction and interest, and we are more than ever convinced of the necessity in keeping up our correspondence with other Yearly Meetings of endeavouring to come, under a measure of the influence of the Holy Spirit, that real benefit that may arise therefrom and the work of the Lord be advanced in our souls and in the Earth:

Our desires are renewed at this time, that the members of the Religious Society of Friends might be more closely united in sympathy and feeling as well as in doctrine and principle, in order that they harmonize more truly in labour, and be prepared to put shoulder to shoulder, in the great work of our day, remembering the injunction, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ"; for, by "this shall all men know, that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another.

We have had at this time the acceptable company of out beloved friend William Wetherald, from your Yearly Meeting, together with other dear friends from different parts of our own country whose Gospel labors have afforded comfort and encouragement to our souls, and we desire to acknowledge with gratitude our sense of the love and mercy of our Heavenly Father

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in sending amongst us from year to year, His chosen ambassadors, to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.

The reports of our Boarding School Committee, and the Committee on Education were, as usual, presented at this time and read. The information and statistics therein contained have been interesting and satisfactory, by which we learn that schools for scriptural instruction are increasing within our borders, and we believe through the blessing of God, they have been and will continue to be the means of bringing souls to Christ.

Our Committee appointed to labor for the benefit of the Freed-men, have made a very satisfactory report and we trust they have been the instrument of doing much good, among this long oppressed and neglected people. May they be as successful in future years, and gather still more abundant fruit in this field of labor.

We conclude our Epistle with this salutation; "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the meeting.

Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, beginning with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth on First day the [illegible] and at Newport for discipline on Second day the [illegible] of 6th Month 1869

The reports from our several Quarterly Meetings the Representatives therein named are:—

From Rhode Island — [illegible] Buffum, Perez Peck, Thomas [illegible], [illegible], William A. Robinson, Joseph C. Anthony, [illegible], [illegible] Collins and James [illegible]

From Salem — [illegible]

[illegible] and Samuel [illegible]

From Sandwich — [illegible], William [illegible], [illegible], Joseph [illegible], William C. [illegible], [illegible] Rowland, Leonard Macomber and Moses Smith.

From Falmouth — Abraham [illegible], [illegible], Nathaniel [illegible], Joseph [illegible] and [illegible] Cartland

From Smithfield — John [illegible], [illegible] A. Wheeler, [illegible] and [illegible]

From Vassalboro — John [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible]

From Dover — [illegible], [illegible] A. [illegible], [illegible], Alfred C. [illegible] and [illegible]

From Fairfield — [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Bailey, Joseph [illegible] and [illegible] Jones

who being called, are all present but one, for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons have been assigned.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], John [illegible] and [illegible] Collins from New York Yearly Meeting; William Nicholson from North Carolina; Caroline E. Talbott and Martha Wickersham from Ohio — Daniel Hill from Indiana; Eli Jessup from Western, and Mary B. Pinkham from Iowa Yearly Meetings; who have produced satisfactory certificates from their respective meetings, expressive of their unity with them as Ministers, and with their prospect of religious labor amongst us.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends David Tatum and Mary A. Tatum, his wife, from New York Yearly Meeting; Robert W. Hodson from Western, companion to Eli Jessup, and Thomas Pinkham from Iowa, husband and companion to Mary B. Pinkham, who have produced minutes from their respective meetings, informing that they are members and elders in unity, and expressive of their concurrence with them in their present engagement.

We have also the acceptable company of our esteemed friend James C. [illegible] companion to Daniel Hill, who has produced a minute from his Monthly Meeting, which has been read.

The London printed Epistle for the year 1865 has at this time been received and read, to our comfort and edification; and in order that the instruction therein contained shall be more generally diffused among our members, we appoint our friends Charles R. Tucker and Samuel B. Allen to distribute an edition of 3000 copies if printed and distributed among our Quarterly Meetings.

Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, New-York, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa and Canada have been read, bringing our beloved friends of other Yearly Meetings very near unto us in the love of the Gospel, which we appoint Charles R. Tucker, Rufus [illegible], William C. [illegible], Thomas J. [illegible], Josiah Cornell, John [illegible], Obadiah [illegible], Samuel Boyce, David K. [illegible], Charles J. [illegible], John [illegible], Albert K. Smiley, David [illegible], [illegible], Charles [illegible], Charles C. [illegible], Timothy B. [illegible], Silas H. [illegible], William C. [illegible], Albert C. [illegible], Edward Earle, Richard [illegible], Albert [illegible], James B. Arnold, William T. [illegible], Edward [illegible], Joseph K. Earle, David [illegible], Stephen [illegible] to prepare at some future sitting Essays of Epistles to all the Yearly

Meetings which are considered, and present to a future Meeting.

By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that Rhode Island has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Deborah W. Cornell to the station of elder: that Marcus Parker, an elder and member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting deceased the 28th of 3rd Month 1868, aged 77 years and 29 days, and that Providence Monthly Meeting has appointed Thomas Anthony a correspondent of that Meeting in place of Samuel Boyd Tobey deceased.

Salem informs that Daniel Ward an elder and member of Weare Monthly Meeting, deceased the 20th of 11th Month 1867, aged 86 years and 15 days,

Sandwich informs that Samuel Brown, an elder and member of Pembroke Monthly Meeting, deceased 8th Mo. 19th, 1868, aged 80 years. 8 mos and 17 days.

That Eliza [illegible] a minister and member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, deceased 10th Mo. 3rd 1868, aged 58 years 11 mos and 21 days.

That they have united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Arnold Gifford to the station of elder; with Westport Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Nathaniel Gifford and Phebe Slade and with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Matthew Howland, John H. Asher, Dorcas Nichols and Susan Taber, to the same station.

Falmouth informs that they have united with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and public appearance in the ministry of Stephen Smith: that John Knight an elder and member of Durham Monthly Meeting deceased 2nd Mo. 11th 1869 aged 92 years 6 mos and 28 days: that Rachel Jones an elder and member of the same Meeting deceased 7th Mo. 1st 1868 aged 82 years 6 mos and 12 days.

That Jane Pope an elder and member of Windham Monthly Meeting deceased 11th Mo. 8th 1868 aged 76 years 6 Mos. and 8 days; and that Cynthia Knowles an elder and member of the same Meeting deceased 1st Mo. 20th 1869 aged 61 years 6 Mos. and 2 days.

Smithfield informs that Polly Smith an elder and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting deceased 12th Mo. 21st 1868, aged 77 years and 3 Months: that James Chase an elder and member of Bolton Monthly Meeting deceased 1st Mo. 2nd 1869 aged 78 years

1869 9 mos. and 24 days: and that [illegible] an elder and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting deceased 11th Mo 22nd 1869 aged 77 years 3 mos and 27 days: that they have united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John [illegible] and Mary [illegible] to the station of elder and with [illegible] Monthly Meeting in the appointment of [illegible] Chase and Mary [illegible] to the same station.

[illegible] informs that they have united with [illegible] Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah S. [illegible] and Sarah [illegible] to the station of elder, and with [illegible] Monthly Meeting in approving the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Edward M. Jones.

[illegible] informs that they have united with [illegible] Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of William [illegible].

[illegible] informs that Elijah [illegible] an elder and member of [illegible] Monthly Meeting deceased 8th Mo 21st 1868 aged 81 years 10 Mos. and 9 days.

Adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

Stephen Jones on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they are united in proposing Samuel [illegible] for clerk and Charles N. [illegible] for assistant clerk: which being approved they are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year.

The subject of making some change in the time of commencing our Yearly Meeting being at this time spread before us, and it being apprehended that benefit would result therefrom, after a time of deliberation it is concluded that our Representatives take the matter into their solid consideration and report their views thereon at a future meeting.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our esteemed friend Sarah [illegible] from New York Yearly Meeting, companion to [illegible] Collins, [illegible] from Ohio, companion to Caroline E. [illegible], and [illegible] also from Ohio, companion to [illegible] that [illegible] have [illegible] minutes of concurrence from their respective Meetings which have been read.

The minutes of our Yearly Meeting for last year were then read.

All the Quarterly Meetings report that the [illegible] attention had been given to the forwarding of their [illegible] proportions of Yearly Meeting stock to the Treasurer of this Meeting.

We appoint our friends Thomas Harkness, Thomas Wilson, David H. Aiken, George Douglas, Samuel R. Collins, Stephen Jones, Jacob H. [illegible] and Charles M. Bailey to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer and to propose a sum sufficient to defray the expenses of the Yearly Meeting the ensuing year. They are also requested to report the name of a friend for Treasurer.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting requests that this Meeting should take into consideration the subject of a new apportionment of our Yearly Meeting stock, whereupon we appoint Thomas Harkness, Thomas Wilson, David H. Aiken, George Douglas, Samuel R. Collins, Stephen Jones, Jacob H. [illegible], Charles M. Bailey, William A. [illegible], Moses Sawyer, Edward W. [illegible], Elisha Jones, Richard Batty, Charles F. Coffin, Stephen [illegible] and Joseph Taylor to take the proposition into their deliberation and report their sense thereon at a future sitting.

The Report of our Boarding School Committee has been produced and read, and is as follows viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence report; that they have given attention to their appointment and feel much satisfaction in stating that under the administration of the present officers and teachers the affairs of the Institution have been, with great efficiency conducted, and the high character which the School has sustained for many years past has been maintained. As far as their observation has enabled them to judge, the pupils have evinced a commendable attention to their duties and their behavior has been generally satisfactory.

The officers of the Institution have been Albert K. Smiley Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the female department; John S. [illegible], Thomas J. Battey, Sarah [illegible] Coffin, Alice M. [illegible] and Sarah A. [illegible] teachers of English Branches; William F. [illegible] teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; David [illegible] teacher of Mathematics; and Dorcas A. [illegible] teacher of Drawing.

The number of pupils in attendance during the

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Autumn term was one hundred and eighty five (185); one hundred and five males and eighty females. For the spring term one hundred and forty eight (148); ninety three males and fifty-five females.

Although the health of the school has been generally good, and the scholars have been mercifully preserved from disease that has at times prevailed in the vicinity, yet two cases of severe illness have occurred, one of which proved fatal. Allie H. Holmes, daughter of Joseph H. Holmes Jr. of Mattapoisett, who had been but a few weeks an inmate of the school, was removed on account of illness to her home 11th Mo. 7th 1868 and died on the 26th of the same month of typhoid fever. She was regarded by us and by the Principal as being a girl of remarkably delicate organization both physically and mentally, and possessed of an exceedingly sweet disposition. During her short stay at the school she had greatly endeared herself to all the officers and pupils with whom she associated.

The pupils have continued to attend the meetings for worship held in Providence on First-day forenoons and in the middle of the week. First-day afternoons have been devoted to scriptural instruction and reading; and portions of scripture are read to the assembled school in each department at the breakfast table, and before retiring for the night.

Since our last Report the girls' lodging-room in the east wing of the main building has been by direction of the Committee partitioned into separate rooms to correspond with those in the new building, at an expense of nine hundred and sixty six ($966) dollars. This gives eight additional dormitories for the use of the girls with a spacious room for a nursery in that part of the house.

The report of the building committee shows, that as near as can be estimated, the income of the school to 6th Mo 30th 1869 will exceed its expenses, including the cost of alterations in the girls' lodging room, and interest paid on the debt of the school, by the sum of three thousand five hundred forty seven ($3547) dollars, which being deducted from the amount of its indebtedness reported last year leaves a balance of eleven thousand six hundred thirty-five 77/100 ($11,635.77) dollars [illegible]. From information received from the treasurer of the school funds, it is anticipated that the income from our charitable fund and the Ebenezer Metcalf fund the coming year will be sufficient to pay the board and tuition of fifteen scholars, one year each.

We would offer for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting the propriety of making the Treasurer of the School Fund an annual appointment and that he be ex officio a member of the School Committee.

It is proposed that the charge for board and tuition the ensuing year of forty weeks to members of our Yearly Meeting be reduced to one hundred and forty dollars, and that no change be made at this time in the price to other classes of scholars. To show that the proposed charge to our own members is not exceptionally high it may be stated that from inquiries recently made, the price of board and tuition at Friends' schools in other parts of the country exceeds what is proposed to be charged by us.

The schedule of terms proposed is as follows:

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| For members of our Yearly Meeting. | $140.00 |
| For members of other Yearly Meetings or where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such | $160.00 |
| For all others who may be admitted | $180.00 |

An additional charge of $10.00 to be made for one years instruction in Latin, Greek, French, German or Drawing. One half payable at the commencement of the year and half at the opening after the recess.

Knowing well how the difficulties that many of our members have to encounter in order to obtain for their children a suitable education to fit them for the business of life and at the same time to preserve them in some good degree from the fashions and habits of the world; and also to enable such of our young people as are desirous of qualifying themselves to become teachers to attain that object, it has appeared very desirable to us that the fund for the gratuitous education of our members at the Boarding School should be increased. To this end a contribution has been commenced by a few individuals, some of whom have long been connected with the School, and we would ask the favorable consideration of Friends for this undertaking and their co-operation with it.

In presenting the annual report of the condition of the School we feel that we may again commend it to the confidence and support of Friends, and we can but trust

1869 that with the help of an individual interest in its welfare on the part of its members, under the divine blessing, that the wants of our profession in the truth in its establishment may be in good measure fulfilled.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.
Wm C. Taber Clerk.

Note. The first half year begins [illegible] 1869 closes [illegible] 1870 winter vacation begins [illegible] closes [illegible] 1870 second half year begins [illegible] 1870 closes 6th mo. 23rd 1870.

Regulations of the School Committee. Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half year, only when application is made therefor at the time of entering. The Committee earnestly desire that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half year may be as small as possible, as in the arrangement of classes and studies, reference is made primarily to those who remain through the year — constituting as they do a large majority of the school, and it will therefore happen that those who remain but half the term will receive less than a proportionate share of advantages.

Application for admission to the School should be made previously to the meeting of the Committee on the 5th of Eighth month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Funds or of the [illegible] Fund by donation should apply at the time above specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits and literary attainments of the applicants.

Applications for admission should be made to the Principal. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal Friends Boarding School Providence R.I.

And being satisfactory to the Meeting it is accepted and the proposition for an annual appointment of the Treasurer of the School Fund is approved and adopted. And our friend Thomas H. Almy, who has acted acceptably as Treasurer for many years is now re-appointed for one year. And it is the judgment of this Meeting that the Treasurer of the School Fund shall be ex officio member of the

School Committee. The Committee (with the exception of Alden Sampson) passed out of this Year's Meeting is continued to take the general supervision of the Boarding School for one year, and Moses Brown is added to said Committee.

Committee — David Buffum, Joseph [illegible] [illegible], William C. Taber, Charles R. [illegible], Edward Earle, Thomas B. Arnold, William [illegible] [illegible], William A. Robinson, Silas C. Smith, Samuel Boyce, Charles M. Tucker, Charles [illegible] Coffin of Lynn, [illegible] Kelley, Gideon Congdon and [illegible] Howland Jr.

Women's Committee — Sarah [illegible] Tobey, Eliza B. Boyce, [illegible] H. Allen, Mary C. [illegible], [illegible] H. [illegible], [illegible] B. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] H. Howland, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] Tucker, Anne [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] H. Howland, [illegible] H. [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible].

We appoint Benjamin Buffum, Edward W. Howland, William A. Robinson and David Buffum a committee to whom the Trustees of the School Funds shall consult and advise in regard to the investment thereof.

We appoint Silas C. Smith, Moses [illegible] [illegible], Matthew Howland, Abraham [illegible], James [illegible] [illegible], William A. [illegible], Timothy B. [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries and present to our next sitting.

Adjourned to meet again at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning the 13th. Friends again met, Representatives present as yesterday. The Committee upon the concerns of Friends for the freed people of color presented the following report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee under appointment to promote efforts for the relief and improvement of the freed people of color present their fifth annual Report.

The school at Washington was opened [illegible] of tenth month [illegible], under the care of our esteemed friends John C. and Hannah [illegible] of Lynn, Mass. as superintendents and four teachers, viz: Hannah [illegible] [illegible] of New Bedford as

1869 Principal, with Mary Ellen Oliver and Mary E. Lane of [illegible], and Susan H. Pierce and Mary H. Hayden of New Bedford as assistants.

Some slight alterations were needed in the school buildings, but these were soon effected and the school was re-opened with 277 scholars. The teachers report that they were much pleased with their improved appearance, they being more quiet and orderly and better dressed. One who had seen them four years before, could not fail to be impressed with the benefits resulting from the mission.

One afternoon in each week the girls were taught sewing, and at the time of their festival in the winter they were very helpful in making garments for presents, finishing 200 pieces. It was the first time they had seemed to realize there was anything for them to do but receive, and it was a new and pleasant idea to them. This occasion was much enjoyed by all, and will long be remembered by the children.

The evening school was small but interesting. It was thought best to charge five cents a week for tuition, and thus a more appreciative class of scholars was obtained.

The [illegible] Institute opened in first month, and many of them took advantage of it at the recommendation. This is a commodious building, used for evening and industrial schools. A large First-day school is also held there.

The First-day school at the mission has been continued, and the Scriptures have been daily read in the schools and in the family circle, and hymns [illegible] have been practised, including the psalter. Different members of the Committee have visited the school from time to time, and have been gratified with the general good order manifested. The appearance of the children indicated commendable industry on their part and much patient labor on the part of all the officers connected with the establishment. The school has also been visited by the Superintendent and Trustees of the Colored Schools of Washington, who expressed themselves well satisfied with its condition. As the usual time for closing it approached, they were very desirous that it should be kept open as long as the other schools, since much harm might come to the scholars by the enforced idleness of a month. The Superintendent and teachers coinciding in this view, it was concluded to continue in session until the 1st of sixth month, the end of the school year.

In view of the favorable condition of our finances and in accordance with the wishes of the teachers of the infant schools, this Committee have concluded to recommend to the Yearly Meeting, that the school with the mission family be maintained another year.

The cost of supporting the mission the past year has been $2761.20 besides what has been received from the Freedmen's Bureau.

The money now on hand is $2286.14 which will enable the Committee to carry out the recommendation of the report for the continuance of the school next year.

Sarah E. Hall of Worcester joined the company at the mission during the twelfth month, and took charge of the sewing school, and visited the sick and needy, relieving much suffering by the aid of our benevolent fund. Still there is so little that the men are allowed to do that the support of the families falls very much on the mothers and daughters. Even little girls, some very delicate, are put to service. This interferes materially with their education, as they must take work when they can get it, and their attendance at school is very irregular. Sarah E. Hall says: "I came the first of twelfth month, and took charge of the children's sewing school, which was busily engaged at work for Christmas. Of the [illegible] articles given at that time, 240 garments were made by the girls of the different schools. The remaining [illegible] consisted of [illegible] cakes of soap, [illegible] pairs stockings, and other articles of clothing contributed by the friends of [illegible], New Bedford and [illegible]. During third month I was visiting agent for the City in this district, distributing about thirty cords of wood, [illegible] meal to 200 different families. In addition to this, I have given from the benevolent fund of the mission, $150 in groceries, $50 in clothing, and paid for work on [illegible] and clothing about $75. Owing to the favorable weather there was not so much suffering during the past winter as in previous years, but more during the spring months owing to the scarcity of labor there is as much destitution in this city to-day as at any time during the past four years. Although great numbers have been sent away, as many new-comers have taken their places, while there is less work to be obtained here.

Unless there is some avenue opened this summer by

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which steady employment can be furnished to supply a part of them at such times and no winter has yet been witness to so great an amount of poverty and suffering as at any time since the close of the war.

Of the $10,000 placed in the hands of the Mayor in the form of checks, for the relief of the poor only an amount sufficient at the rate of two weeks and about a very limited supply of shoes, the whole of it was spent for food and wood. And this was not nearly sufficient to abate the cravings of hunger or make any one family nearly comfortable. Although it is intended to help only the sick and the aged by such appropriations it is impracticable to limit them to these alone. The current supply is to be given out, yet and confronted with families of starving children, of whose children we previously had no knowledge but which investigation reveals as to actually as a children's fact. What is to be done with them? They may have a father but he can get no work. Let him go to the North, it is said. So he might, but he is not there, and we know that his family are famishing for food. Shall we let them starve? No, send them half a peck of meal, it will last them two or three days. That is not much, but when multiplied by thousands, and repeated, it takes more money than the most calculating would imagine. There are hundreds of such cases in which it would not be advisable for them to go to the North. I mention this subject because it is a formidable obstacle in the way of the freedmen's elevation, and one which must be removed before we can expect to see any great progress among them. Every year's experience confirms the demoralizing effect of almsgiving, while it does nothing towards removing the evil.

Cannot some method be devised through which, by co-operation with Congress, workshops may be constructed in the suburbs of the City, extensively built, and these manufactures, which would supply one of their greatest needs! It is a question that appeals to the conscience of every Christian and philanthropist, and to statesmen also who have any regard for the interests of this Capital of a great republic. One half the money available for educational purposes is thrown away, so long as the parents are so ground down by poverty, as to be obliged to take their children from school the first opportunity that occurs to place them in service, which is much more often than they can obtain places for themselves.

Another subject of equal or greater importance, for which every citizen of this republic is morally responsible, is the sale of spirituous liquors so extensively and unblushingly carried on here. No effort can prosper in the face of such an inveterate foe.

In conclusion, we would say that although those who have given time and means for the benefit of this people would feel repaid could they see the results of their efforts, still there is much to be done. It is no easy thing to change habits of thought and action; and as years and generations have been spent in oppressing and degrading this people, so it will take years of patient effort to raise them in the scale; but there are many things to encourage us in the work, and dearest and sweetest of all are the words of our Lord and Master "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

On behalf of the Committee.

Edw. W. Howland
Ann B. Earle

Note. Contributions of money, clothing or other articles for the benefit of the Freedmen will be gladly received by the Committee, and may be sent to our Friends Wm. C. Taber of New Bedford, or Charles F. Coffin of Lynn, who will forward them for the [illegible] in Washington.
Cotton cloth, calico and stocking yarn are especially desirable.

Which being satisfactory to the meeting is accepted, and the attention given to this important concern is very grateful to the feelings of the Meeting, and we are comforted under the belief that the labors of the Committee have been blessed to the improvement of the Freedmen.

Helen [illegible], a member of the Committee and one of the teachers for knitting and sewing in the school belonging to the Washington Mission, is at this time released, by having removed from within the limits of this Yearly Meeting. The other members of the Committee are continued, and are desired to unite with a committee from the Women's Meeting, and extend their care and supervision over the Mission for another year.
And Charles F. Coffin is appointed in her place to fill the

1869 [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] of Allen [illegible] to [illegible] Yearly Meeting.

Committee. Edward W. [illegible] [illegible] Benjamin [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Samuel [illegible] Edward [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Charles [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and William A. Brown.

Women's Committee. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]

The meeting now proceeded to the consideration of the state of Society, and having read the first Query and answers [illegible] then adjourned to [illegible] the afternoon.

Afternoon. Met pursuant to adjournment and the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the Queries [illegible].

The answers [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that our [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] of our Lord and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] reminded that the purposes of Divine Worship are various. Among them is the [illegible] privilege of the Communion of the Saints in the fellowship of the Spirit; [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Christian [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] with those who are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] our [illegible] and [illegible] our hearts; and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that these [illegible] should [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] of the Church [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] unto the world through the ministry of those whom He has called and qualified to preach the glad tidings of salvation. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that the gifts and callings [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for our brethren, that the power of the Lord may [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] of the wicked and abominable and to the [illegible] [illegible] people in the [illegible] [illegible].

Parents should [illegible] [illegible] to teach their children [illegible] they to their religious meetings. Some [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] all things at [illegible] [illegible] with their love for their Saviour. But when they [illegible] from their place of worship [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] their meetings very considered [illegible] by their children, and we apprehend that the impressions made upon the tender minds of [illegible] hearts of the [illegible] in our religious meetings [illegible] remain with them through life.

If you look [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Lord [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to attend their [illegible] [illegible], that upon them should [illegible] no rain, and that a plague should rest upon their dwellings; and we were reminded that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] regard to the performance of other religious duties. Are we fully sensible of the obligations we are under to our Father in Heaven for all that we possess? Do we realize that all our blessings, both temporal and [illegible] come from Him; that he has declared [illegible] the silver is mine, and "the gold is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." Do we feel that we are dependent upon Him for the air we breathe and for the continuance of our lives from day to day?

It has been expressed that the love of the world and the [illegible] of riches [illegible] from the due performance of their religious duty. Our Lord and Saviour declared "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon"; "for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

We [illegible] think it of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] worldly cares when going to our religious meetings [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the Patriarch Abraham when on his way to [illegible] [illegible] he spake to his [illegible] saying "Abide ye here with the ass and I and the lad will go yonder and worship" thus warning [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which should have a tendency to draw [illegible] from the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] might be found [illegible] Him and Him alone whom we [illegible] to worship.

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A want of love and unity was apparent by some of the reports from our Quarterly Meetings. On account of [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] brought home to us, and the language of our blessed Lord, when about to ascend into Heaven [illegible] might be said, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another." As this love is prevalent in our hearts, the forgiving and [illegible] spirit exists, and in that [illegible] which [illegible] all things, and endures all things, we shall [illegible] [illegible] brother, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the love of the Gospel for his restoration.

The right education of our children has excited feeling exercise, and parents have been exhorted to train them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord — to prepare for Heaven.

The responsibility those are under who stand as parents has been very feelingly adverted to. A lively concern has been felt that we may be careful in regard to the reading placed before our children. Much in the present time is coming forth daily from the press, in which the seeds of infidelity are insidiously sown, seeds of principles which tend to rob us of the hope that of salvation through a Crucified Redeemer.

Fervent desires were expressed that we may be earnestly engaged for the faithful maintenance of all our Christian testimonies; we believe that our predecessors were led into the adoption of them in the Truth, and that we cannot lay any of them aside without sustaining a loss.

## Summary.

Ans. 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been held, with the following exceptions, viz: In Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, some small meetings [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have been omitted on account of the inclemency of the weather. Meetings on First days have been attended by most of our members. Mid-week meetings and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] are neglected by some; the hour is nearly observed, and Friends are nearly clear from sleep, and all other unbecoming [illegible] therein with a few exceptions.

2nd. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained, though apparently wanting in a few. Detraction mostly guarded against. Endeavours are used to end differences.

3rd. There is a care on the minds of most Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness and to restrain them from pernicious reading, and [illegible] to be exemplary therein themselves, while others are not so careful in these respects. The [illegible] Scriptures [illegible] read in Friends' families.

4th. Distilled liquors appear to be confined to medicinal purposes unless four or five [illegible]. [illegible] of this [illegible] except a few instances in two Accounts of attending places of public resort inconsistent with our religious profession.

5th. The circumstances of the Poor are attended to, and their [illegible]

6th. Friends appear to be careful [illegible] except a few instances in respect to marriage in three of the accounts.

7th. We believe our testimonies are maintained in the [illegible] of a [illegible] minister in one account.

8th. Friends appear to be mostly careful in these respects [illegible] exception in one account.

[illegible] are attended to. [illegible] some of which are under notice.

9th. Care is taken to deal with offenders as early [illegible] Endeavours [illegible] judgment where it appears necessary, in [illegible] of Truth, and in accordance with the discipline.

Adjourned to meet again at 10 o'clock to morrow Morning.

Fourth day morning, the 16th. The meeting again assembled.

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting proposed that the hour of holding [illegible] Ministers and Elders in the [illegible]

[illegible]

1869 held at Windham in the 7th mo. be in future held at Durham and that the Quarterly Meeting [illegible] held at Durham in the 11th mo., be in future held at Windham.

Smithfield requests that the time of their meetings of ministers and elders in the 5th and 11th mos. be changed from 2 o'clock to 3 o'clock.

All of which being approved by this meeting the changes proposed are accordingly made, the [illegible] meeting uniting herein.

The [illegible] of the Meeting for Sufferings [illegible] was read; and the [illegible] of that meeting to the important concerns which have come before it is very satisfactory; and the same friends with the exception of Alden Sampson removed within the limits of another Yearly Meeting are appointed to constitute a meeting for sufferings for the ensuing year, viz: [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of North Providence, George [illegible] [illegible] Charles M. Bailey, Moulton [illegible] [illegible] Windham.

And it is concluded that the Treasurer of this meeting Edwin C. Smith, shall be ex officio member of said meeting.

Adjourned to meet again this afternoon at [illegible].

Afternoon. Met pursuant to adjournment. The Committee on Education presented the following Report:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Education submit the following report:

We have endeavored to attend to the subject under our charge and although the fruit of our labors [illegible] [illegible] for further effort [illegible] [illegible].

A part of the Committee have visited Friends' Boarding School at Providence, and Oak Grove Seminary at Vassalboro.

These institutions continue to offer their advantages to those who may wish to place their children in such schools under the care of Friends.

The statistical returns received this year are as follows:

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| The number of Friends' children in the yearly meeting between the ages of five and twenty one years. | 710. |
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| [illegible] | [illegible] |
| [illegible] | [illegible] |
| The number of Friends' children who have attended School the past year. | 750. |
| The number who have attended School taught by Friends or under their control. | 114. |
| The number of year members engaged in teaching the past year. | 104. |
| [illegible] the care of Friends. | 30. |
| The number of First Day Schools under the care of Friends. | 64. |
| Average time held. | 7½ mos. |
| The number of persons attending. | 1673. |
| The number of the same who are Friends. | 1073. |
| The number of teachers. | 243. |
| The number of persons over 21 years of age attending. | 317. |
| The number of the same who are Friends. | 166 |
| The number of births during the year ending 1st 5th Mo. | 31. |
| The number of members admitted by request. | 33. |
| The number of members received by certificate from other Yearly Meetings. | 3. |
| The number of members removed by certificate to other Yearly Meetings. | 27. |
| The number of members deceased. | 85. |
| The number of members disowned. | 20. |
| The whole number of members belonging to the yearly meeting on the 1st day of 5th Mo. 18[illegible] | 1615 |
| The number of meetings without schools. | 21. |

We are encouraged in the belief that the interest of Friends in Scriptural instruction is increasing, and in some parts very [illegible]

1869. of the Scriptures demands our serious consideration.

The importance of using some means for increasing the interest of the members of these small meetings, [illegible] earnest prayers that they may be so baptized [illegible] as to be made sensible of the presence of our Lord [illegible] among them [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] meeting can be maintained by earnest prayerful effort, where at first it seemed impossible.

We are impressed with the need of a higher standard of Education among us, and we would call the attention of Friends to the subject as intimately connected with the welfare and the enlarged usefulness of our religious society.

The educational views of our early Friends were broad and comprehensive.

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[illegible] for the enlarged and liberal education of a considerable portion of its members, we regard it as plainly incumbent upon us to secure for our youth this higher culture. We [illegible] [illegible] Boarding School [illegible] wish to confer upon their children the benefits of a [illegible] [illegible] all the [illegible] literary advantages preparatory to lives of usefulness and virtue."

We desire to see this realized, and we earnestly hope that some means may be adopted not only for the [illegible] of the number of Friends' children at our Boarding School, but that special inducements may be presented for them to continue their stay, and that thus at an early day they may be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and liberal course of study.

James [illegible] Clerk

[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible]; and the [illegible] given to this important engagement is satisfactory to the meeting. [illegible] we appoint our friends Joseph C. Macomber, Joseph [illegible] Clark, Samuel [illegible], Abel H. Collins, John C. [illegible], William [illegible], John [illegible], [illegible] G. Ware, [illegible] Shepherd, Isaac M. Potter, William S. Macomber, [illegible], John [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Gilliland, Ellen S. Gilliland, Abel C. Mann, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Jones, Albert C. Hill, Samuel S. Griffen, George [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] Jones, Benjamin T. Shepherd and Isaac Winslow, to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] been encouraged to increased exertions in this important engagement. — And Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to obtain statistics of their members, and of their schools, and to aid the committee on education in their labors.

Women's Committee. Abi [illegible], Cynthia J. Coale, [illegible] Tabb, Ellen H. Griffen, Phebe S. Gifford, Anna B. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], Sarah B. Reed, Charity T. Gillespie, [illegible] [illegible], Ann Shepherd, Ruth S. Potter, Elizabeth [illegible] [illegible], Eunice G. Gilliland, Mary C. [illegible], [illegible] M. Fox, Abigail Winslow, Lydia T. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible].

The Committee on the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] made the following report [illegible]:

[illegible] Friends:

The Committee on the [illegible] of the Yearly Meeting report:

That we have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] our appointment and that progress has been made in the

1867 important duty assigned us.

The working Committee consisted of 12 members & held eight meetings during the year [illegible] [illegible].

The work is [illegible] still quite incomplete; is great [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] requisite in this engagement—

By direction of the Committee,
Charles Taber
[illegible] [illegible]
Clerks.

Newport 6th mo. 13th 1867.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to give further attention thereto, and report at our next Yearly Meeting.

Committee [illegible] [illegible]. Joseph [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of Lynn, Sewall Hoxie, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] F. Coffin of Lynn. Henry [illegible]. Joseph C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] Committee. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Elizabeth Wearer [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Cornell, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Eliza M. Gifford [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Emily C. [illegible], Ann [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Abigail C. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Elizabeth C. King and [illegible] [illegible].

The Committee [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the following report [illegible]:
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]:

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account with us report that they have attended to that appointment and find a balance in his hands due the Meeting of $2,587.56. The rate of the past year including the Boarding School [illegible] amounts to $[illegible]. The Committee propose that [illegible] be raised for the use of the Meeting with the name of Lukens C. Smith for Treasurer.

And they further report that they have agreed on the following apportionment to each Quarterly Meeting viz:

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| To Rhode Island | [illegible] per cent |
| Salem | 25 " |
| Sandwich | 30 " |
| Falmouth | 4 " |
| Smithfield | 4 " |
| Vassalboro | 6 |
| Dover | [illegible] |
| Fairfield | 6 |
| | 100 |

For the Committee,

Thomas Cochran.
Samuel H. Cotin.

Newport 6th Mo. 16. 1869.

Which is accepted and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportion of said tax to be paid to Lukens C. Smith who is appointed Treasurer of this Meeting.

The Committee on the concern of the Meeting on behalf of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians made the following report viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians report that while we have not [illegible] felt [illegible] to have been [illegible] during the past year [illegible] we [illegible] a [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] should be [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

The general condition of the Passamaquoddy tribe [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] interest has been manifested in farming than in past years. [illegible] [illegible] that most of the [illegible] individual [illegible]

[illegible] their manner of living; a great deal of [illegible] up, and an air of comfort pervades [illegible] [illegible] has been taught at Pleasant Point [illegible] has been manifested by the [illegible]

The last census gives the number of the [illegible] tribe as 452. They are however so migratory in their [illegible] extending their wanderings through the different [illegible] and the Northern and Western States, [illegible] the census returns, that this enumeration is not [illegible] the tribe [illegible] during the year.

About the usual opportunities [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] increase of inter[illegible] [illegible] Act [illegible] the enforcement [illegible] law among the [illegible] summer in the usual localities among the tribes, and from [illegible]

[illegible]

regard of [illegible] among the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the past the year [illegible] the [illegible].

On behalf of the Committee

Newport 6th Mo. 16. 1869.

With the attention given to their appointment the Committee is requested.

The same Friends are continued, and are desired to attend further thereto and take such steps as they may deem best; and they are at liberty to draw on the Treasurer of this Meeting for the sum of fifty dollars, should it be needed to assist them in their engagement.

The Representatives to whom was referred for consideration the subject concerning the time of holding our Yearly Meeting report that they have [illegible] after a season of deliberation they are united in proposing that the Yearly Meeting shall commence on the 7th day after the 2nd 6th day in the 6th Mo. at 9 o'clock in the morning; and that our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders shall begin on the day preceding at 9 o'clock in the morning; which after a time of solid deliberation was approved, and the [illegible] of committee [illegible] directed accordingly thereunto.

The Committee to attend to the edition of 1000 copies of the Discipline ordered to publish and distributed among our Quarterly Meetings, inform that the necessary attention has been given that appointment.

Adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon, the 17th. — Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on Correspondence produced Essays of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond; which being read and approved, the Clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

1867 The Clerk is directed to sign the following minute for [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible] Eli [illegible], David Hill, Joshua C. Powell, [illegible] A. Tiber, William Nicholson, John Wood, Rebecca Coll[illegible], Caroline C. [illegible], Mary A. Pinkham and Martha [illegible], viz.:

Our beloved friend [illegible] has attended this meeting; his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is [illegible] to sign the following [illegible]

[illegible]

Our friend [illegible] attended this meeting.

The Clerk is directed to have 2,000 copies of the minutes of this Yearly Meeting printed and sent them to our Quarterly Meetings.

Our minds [illegible] to commemorate the goodness of the Great Head of the Church, in favoring us [illegible] evidence of the continuance of [illegible] which we have been enabled to [illegible] that have come before us in harmony and [illegible]

We have been comforted together, and have [illegible] to each [illegible] Christian fellowship. [illegible] mercies, and with feelings of thankfulness we now separate, purposing to meet again at this place, on [illegible] day after the 3rd 6th day in the 6th Mo., at 7 o'clock in the morning next year if the Lord permit.

[illegible] of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyce
Clerk

1869. Epistles.

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island in the 6th month 1869

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London

Dear Friends

Your Epistle of the 5th month of the present year has been read in this meeting, together with [illegible] those of [illegible] and [illegible] Yearly Meetings for the present year [illegible] have been [illegible] and [illegible]. The evidence given that although widely separated [illegible] as a people led by the same Holy Spirit [illegible] to the same [illegible] [illegible] the same [illegible] are bound up together in the same bonds of love [illegible] and we have felt that we have cause for gratitude to our Heavenly Father that in addition to His multiplied blessings He has bestowed this grace also upon us.

We have at this time the [illegible] of many [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have [illegible] comfort and we have felt that we might [illegible] it another proof of the dear Master's love that He has put it into the hearts of His servants to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] the [illegible] of the Lord.

[illegible] that the [illegible] of our Yearly Meeting [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] of the Church, and [illegible] [illegible] that to sit under His shadow there was great delight, and that His fruit was sweet to our taste. We have also been comforted and encouraged in observing that many of our younger friends give evident tokens of [illegible] to the [illegible] of the Spirit of [illegible] upon their hearts, their [illegible] and [illegible] as well as the [illegible] zeal shown by them in the things which pertain to the kingdom of God and the [illegible] of their having been with Jesus. May the preservation of our beloved Society both with you and us remain the fervent attention of these elder brethren, that being all united together in the love of God and walking in the fear and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost the churches as of old may be multiplied.

In the course of our deliberations several important subjects have been brought before us and among them the Christian testimony which our Society from its rise has borne to the Maintenance of peace, has claimed our attention and we have felt it required of us to make earnest efforts to impress upon the minds of our fellow citizens and particularly the professors of the Christian name the importance of a more thorough conformity to the precepts of our Divine Lord in this respect. May the Lord in His mercy so operate on our hearts by His love that through the blessed influence of the Holy Spirit all men of every clime and nation may recognise each other as brethren, children of one common Father and heirs of one hope of salvation.

With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Boyce Clerk

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To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for Ireland held in Dublin

Dear Friends

You have been brought very near to us in the reading of your acceptable Epistle of the present year, giving us comfort not only by your love for us but for all those who bear the name of Christ. Acceptable and loving Epistles have also been received and read from London and all the other Yearly Meetings with whom we correspond except North Carolina which has not come to hand.

These tokens of brotherly love and affection have been encouraging and strengthening to us and we have cause to acknowledge that our Heavenly Father in His mercy and

1869 goodness, has been pleased to preside over our deliberations [illegible] that we have been made sensible as a part of His Militant Church; our hearts have been raised in prayer that you with us may become partakers of His grace, which hath been freely extended to all those who [illegible] the appearance in the [illegible] of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Meeting has been well attended, although we miss from these general [illegible] some of those who have been fathers in the Church, we miss their counsel and [illegible] but [illegible] in the belief that they have become pillars in the Temple of God to go no more out forever.

The deportment of our younger members and the interest which many of them have taken in the weighty affairs which have claimed our deliberations, have been cheering to many of us who are travellers in the [illegible] [illegible], and we have reverently been made to believe that God in His goodness is still raising up standard bearers, to fill the places of those who are near approaching the end of their journey, and these He will [illegible] forth in His [illegible] [illegible] and power [illegible] [illegible] in winning souls to Him.

We have had the acceptable company of a number of the [illegible] [illegible] from other Yearly Meetings, who have in the language of [illegible] [illegible] preached to us the unsearchable riches of Christ, and earnestly have we been invited to come to Jesus, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.

The education of our youth continues to claim our earnest attention, and the committees have submitted encouraging reports in relation to our Boarding School and the increased interest manifested in Scriptural instruction in our First-day Schools by both parents and children, some of whom we believe have been brought to a knowledge of that loving Saviour who loved us before we loved Him, who [illegible] [illegible] upon the cross, who died that we might live.

The freedmen and aborigines of our land are still objects of our tender regard.

We have the past year interesting and encouraging accounts from our beloved friends of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, and our hearts have often been raised in prayer and praise to Him, who has been pleased to regard them and has been during the many years of their afflictions and dangers.

Finally brethren we commend you with ourselves, to the care of Israel's unslumbering Shepherd and bid you affectionately farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting,

Samuel Boyce
Clerk

To New York Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends,

We acknowledge with reverent gratitude, the mercy of our Father in heaven in that we are permitted again to assemble as a Yearly Meeting.

We have received your acceptable Epistle with welcome tokens of unity of faith and purpose, from our brethren of other Yearly Meetings.

"By their fruits ye shall know them." We desire to be your fellow laborers in every good word and work, and in thus laboring together we [illegible] desire to know that abiding grace which alone enables us to adorn the doctrine of our Lord and Saviour in all things.

Our meeting this year has been large, and we are constrained to acknowledge that the presence of our Heavenly Father's love has been known and felt among us. Under this feeling we have been enabled to [illegible] [illegible] and to realize how many [illegible] [illegible] of Gospel to which the world [illegible] if we are not conformed to the pattern shown us as in the mount.—

[illegible] privileges under the Gospel [illegible] the will of our Saviour that we should go "from strength to strength," "rejoicing always before Him". "For this is the will of God even your sanctification." [illegible] sufficiently [illegible], are we [illegible] sufficiently [illegible] to attain to this high standard. "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be

1869. done unto you." Our sympathies on behalf of the freed people of our own land freed from the degrading influences of slavery, and to impart not only of the blessings but also of the responsibilities of freedom, continue unabated. Our Union at Washington has been sustained the past year, and thereby afforded to the sick and destitute, and the school instruction conducted by this means to about 300 children, will we hope be productive of good to this people.

Among other fields of labor in which we rejoice to find work [illegible] prominent at the present time is that of the Indians of our land. We desire to have perfect faith that He who rules among the kingdoms of men, may so order it that their condition may be benefitted by the labors undertaken in His name looking to Him for guidance — who will yet make even the wilderness to rejoice and blossom as the rose.

We trust that among our younger members there is a renewed and extending interest in spiritual things. "Lord! what wilt thou have me to do?" is the breathing of minds [illegible] by many a newly awakened and seeking soul.

In the [illegible] we [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] while the establishment of First day [illegible] among our older as well as younger members is looked to by us as [illegible] for good. We believe it right to [illegible] the [illegible] in every living member of the Church and desire that all may be found in their proper places "[illegible] in [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] than [illegible]"

[illegible] finds that a beautiful thing for brethren to dwell together in unity: and it is a blessed [illegible] to draw them together by drawing near to God, that [illegible] of the flock of Christ's [illegible]. [illegible] the [illegible] that we are indeed [illegible] [illegible] Christ [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] the [illegible] with the [illegible] of life.

[illegible] be [illegible] forward in the Christian race. A heavenly prize is held up for our reward at the end. May we gird ourselves ways for the journey, and with firm reliance on Him who hath [illegible] for us, through His mercy and sustaining grace [illegible] that we may attain.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Boyce
Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Baltimore.

Dear Friends

Assembled in Yearly Meeting in this our annual capacity, for the worship of Him who is our Divine Lord and Master and to transact the affairs of His Church, we are constrained, we trust in that love which knows no bounds, to salute you as brethren beloved in the Lord. We feel our dependence upon the Source from which every blessing cometh, the importance of drawing near to that Being who has [illegible] for us [illegible] living God. Communion with Him is an act of the soul which originates in love, and has an unfailing tendency to strengthen and confirm our affectionate obedience to Him. As love to God is the principle which leads to the surrender of the will, so the [illegible] daily is necessary to the cultivation and maintenance of it. It is only when this love to God is shed abroad in the heart that the desire to please Him can exist. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. May we thus render the tribute of thanksgiving of a grateful heart to Him from whom cometh every good and perfect gift.

Our Committee on the Freedmen's Division made a satisfactory report at this time, which called forth [illegible] expressions of gratitude to our Heavenly Father that our labor on behalf of this down-trodden people has been so richly blessed. The meeting was [illegible] in consideration of the alarming [illegible] of [illegible] as could [illegible] brought to consider [illegible] duty and obligation, to labor for its removal from the land.

We are glad to learn of your important and Christian efforts in the cause of education. The [illegible] of your

(109) labor in this direction has been truly gratifying. We have [illegible] in this [illegible] and found that a blessing attended it. Our meetings have been large and at times the overshadowing of the Father's love has been felt and acknowledged among us. In this love we affectionately bid you farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Boyce
Clerk

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To North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends,

Although we have received no epistle from you at this time, we salute you in the name of Christ as brethren beloved.

May you and may we all abide in the Vine and become and continue more fruit bearing branches, that we may day by day be filled with the heavenly Master's [illegible].

We have truly sympathized with you in years that are past, by reason of the [illegible] of your Meeting and in [illegible] members; but from the wonderful changes that have been wrought in the last few years we are [illegible] of brighter days [illegible].

Oh that we may all dwell so humbly and low as [illegible], and our joy shall have to acknowledge with thanksgiving that by thee we have run through a troop, and by our God have we leaped over a wall.

We have been refreshed and comforted at this time [illegible] with a [illegible] of the value of this sweet and [illegible] practice of epistolary intercourse among the several Yearly Meetings. Let us unite in prayer that it may not be discontinued [illegible] be brought unto Him who is the Repairer of breaches, and the Restorer of paths to dwell in, that the churches may yet become a united brotherhood.

Our meeting is well attended, and while our feelings are chastened by the reflection and the knowledge that the fathers are passing away, yet we are comforted with the belief that there is fire among the middle aged and younger members, who are not only impressed with the necessity of being faithful unto Him who hath called them into His vineyard, but are giving strong evidence of leading to the work.

We have been engaged to transact the affairs of the church in brotherly love. The right education of our children, not only at the schools established among us, but in First day schools and in our families, and a care with sufficient means for the freedmen, to which subject in behalf of the Indians, and the work of spreading the principles of the Holy Scriptures, are among the subjects that have claimed our serious and prayerful consideration.

The annual examination of the state of Society as usual brought out deficiencies, and [illegible] the labor and fervent the travail of the Church for their removal.

Our Yearly Meeting now appears to be nearly clear of the use of intoxicating drinks. Having recommended to its members that they may be instrumental in removing this great evil which now so fearfully prevails in our land. We have taken a lively interest in your efforts to procure teachers for the promotion of right things and for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. May you and we be faithful unto Him who hath called us, abounding more and more in every good word and work.

With love unfeigned we are your friends and brethren,

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Boyce
Clerk

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends.

Your acceptable epistle of the ninth Mo. last, together with similar documents from other Yearly Meetings was read to our encouragement and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] that though widely scattered, still we are one people, belonging to the same household of faith; and great are our [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] that thereby we may become more and more fruit bearing branches of Him who declared himself to be the Vine, and [illegible] that we should bring forth much fruit.

We have humbly yet thankfully to acknowledge that in this our annual assembly we have been [illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible] of our Heavenly Father [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] His church, as there is a turning unto Him in faith.

Our meeting has been large, and the interest manifested by the young to unite with their older brethren [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] of the church [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] has been shown with the [illegible] that a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The state of society as brought to view by the answers from our subordinate branches, introduced the meeting into a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the sense of union, in the neglect on the part of some of our members diligently to attend our religious meetings, and those of us who are constant attenders, were earnestly [illegible] to enter into a deep searching of heart, that we might know whether we are performing the whole duty in these our solemn assemblies.

Our committee having charge of the Freedmen [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] report, and the committee is continued for further service another year, fully believing that under the blessing of our Father in Heaven it has been instrumental in doing much good to this long down-trodden and hitherto greatly injured people.

The concern of this meeting on behalf of the Indians who have been so grievously wronged and [illegible] and the labors of our [illegible] for [illegible] on their account is very satisfactory, and we trust that the continued action of Friends throughout the country, under the blessing of our Holy Head, will produce the happy results so ardently desired.

The committee having charge of the Boarding School, in their report represent that institution to be in a flourishing condition, and we trust that it may be in the future as in the past a blessing to the rising generation.

We have been favored with the company of several ministers of the Gospel from other Yearly Meetings who have been [illegible] to labor with us in the way of life and salvation through our crucified but risen and glorified Redeemer.

In conclusion, dear brethren, we offer you the language of the Apostle. "Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Boyce
Clerk

To Indiana Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends

Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus we have again been permitted to assemble to worship Him and to transact the weighty concerns of the church. We would thankfully acknowledge that from sitting to sitting His presence has been manifested, comforting and uniting our hearts together in bonds of Christian fellowship.

As the believer in Christ lives in the presence of the thought that "God is love," and through this love He has not left us when wandering like the prodigal in the parable far from the Father's house. When having known redemption through the blood of Christ there is begotten in us a longing desire for the welfare of all for whom the Saviour died. [illegible] that the [illegible] was [illegible]. "Let this mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." He led a life of love and sacrifice. "I came down from heaven not to do mine own will but the will of Him who sent me." [illegible] are following His blessed example. He went about not only in the temple teaching the people but [illegible]

(167) to the fullness [illegible] by this day [illegible]
[illegible].

May we seek to have our walking and [illegible] liking unto Jesus. And [illegible] the good [illegible] which our Saviour has taught that without Him we can do nothing [illegible] of the [illegible] the assurance that the [illegible] of the [illegible] of faith [illegible] His steps [illegible] heavenly mysteries which are hid from the [illegible] world.

We rejoice in believing that the [illegible] of prayer [illegible] to be [illegible] the Lord's [illegible] and may we not hope increasingly so! and may the prayer be "Lord increase our faith."

For [illegible] of 10th Mo. last [illegible] has been visited [illegible] of families but from other parts [illegible]. By the [illegible] of these we have been comforted and [illegible] through the [illegible] which may [illegible].

[illegible] of the [illegible] to your members [illegible] has been interesting to us.

Our [illegible] is still engaged in assisting Friends of North Carolina through the Baltimore Association. Our [illegible] among the Freedmen have been continued as in former years [illegible] the management of our [illegible] school at [illegible] of our members [illegible] as teachers in other schools.

The [illegible] of the tribes of Indians located in the western part of our country is claiming the attention of this meeting through its Meeting for Sufferings.

Our Boarding School continues in successful operation and a feeling of much interest is manifested by our members in its welfare.

Scriptural instruction in our families and First-day Schools is increasing among our members.

[illegible] in our [illegible] have been [illegible] before us and the [illegible] of the meeting was that the subject [illegible] upon our members.

Our meeting has been well attended and many of our young people have manifested a lively interest in the various subjects that have come before us. We rejoice in this.

And now in conclusion we would [illegible] you [illegible] that we all may be found walking worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called."

With the salutation of love we are your friends.
Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting,

Samuel Boyce
Clerk

To Western Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends

Under a renewed sense of the love which our Heavenly Father [illegible] [illegible] make us [illegible] concern for the welfare of the Church of Christ, we again salute you as beloved brethren.

Being assembled as we are at this time for the worship of God, and for the transaction of the affairs of the Church, our hearts have been lifted in prayer to Him who is the Great Head of the Church, that He would preside over our deliberations and [illegible] that His name might be glorified and many hearts [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. And we are comforted in believing that He hath been pleased to answer the prayer of faith that bound us together.

We have been encouraged and strengthened by the reading of epistles from other Yearly Meetings, yours among the number. May we ever cultivate that spirit of brotherly love by which we may know that we are Christ's disciples.

We rejoice with you that the blessing of Heaven hath in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] rested upon us [illegible] [illegible] with your feeling that there should be [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] the command of Christ to go forth into all the world and preach the gospel; gathering in from the highways and hedges that through the instrumentality of the Holy Spirit [illegible] [illegible] be [illegible], that the [illegible] of the gospel may be [illegible] [illegible] knowledge shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea."

We are [illegible] to rejoice at the manifestation of [illegible] among our younger members many of whom have testified of their love to Christ. We [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to cherish these tender plants [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] realizing that [illegible] the responsibilities of the church will fall upon them.

Our committee having charge of the [illegible] at Washington have presented an interesting and satisfactory report. And the Committee having charge of the [illegible] School at Providence report that Institution to be in a flourishing condition.

The subject of Education has largely engaged our attention and an increasing interest is manifested especially in Scriptural instruction. The establishment of [illegible] Schools continues to claim our serious consideration.

Our [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] able to keep [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] before the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Amen

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Samuel Boyce
Clerk

To Iowa Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends:

Your acceptable Epistle of [illegible] together with similar Epistles of [illegible] [illegible] from other Meetings, has been received and read to our comfort and edification, awakening afresh in our minds the importance of this interchange of thought and feeling, tending to remind us of those things which concern each other's welfare.

Our meeting has been well attended, and we have cause thankfully to acknowledge that He who promised to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] many hearts has been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

We have been favored with the company of many [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Yearly Meetings who have [illegible] [illegible] in obedience to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Christ to the comfort of our minds and the edification of the Church.

Our Committee in the concern of the Freedmen made an interesting and satisfactory report and we are encouraged in the belief that our efforts in their behalf [illegible] to the improvement [illegible] their condition in life.

The subject of Education has been felt to be one of absorbing interest. The Committee having charge of our Boarding School report that the institution is in a flourishing condition. Scripture reading and Scripture instruction in families First day schools and Bible classes, and the distribution of Bible and tracts [illegible] fostering care and encouragement.

Through a committee of our Meeting for Sufferings we have assisted [illegible] of other Yearly Meetings [illegible] in efforts to elevate the condition of the Indians in the Western Country. The report of the committee and information from other sources produced a deep feeling and called forth an interesting and lively discussion in which [illegible] the junior members participated.

We are not unmindful that this is a time when our Christian testimony against the lawfulness of all wars and fightings, should be fully maintained, and the peaceable nature of [illegible] Christian religion exemplified [illegible]. We have [illegible] in reference to [illegible] and also as to our Christian professors. And although we believe with you that "it will be the work of many years of patient toil," yet we have faith in the promise [illegible] and that the [illegible] (as the prophet [illegible]) when "they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Samuel Boyce
Clerk

1869.

# To Canada Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends

Permitted again to meet in our annual assembly, we salute you in the love of the Gospel.

How precious is the unity which we feel as followers of Christ as our living Head, binding our hearts together; and in this feeling, our dear friends of your Yearly Meeting have been brought very near to us.

Your acceptable epistle of last year has been read to our comfort. The [illegible] which we annually receive from our brethren of other Yearly Meetings give evidence of the common interest which is felt in the welfare of our Religious Society, and of our faith in our common Lord.

Our meeting has been fully attended and we have been cheered by the company of many of our dear younger friends, who have evinced a feeling of interest in the various matters which have claimed our attention. Our hearts are often drawn out in earnest solicitude for this interesting portion of our members, desiring that they may yield, in early life, to the influence of the love of Christ, and thus become prepared, in the vigor and strength of their days, for usefulness in His cause. [illegible]

[illegible] even while partaking of the things of this life, if the will has been surrendered to the Divine will, and the heart filled with that filial love which not only "casteth out fear," but which prompts a feeling of thankfulness to the Giver of these blessings.

We continue to feel a lively interest in behalf of the Indians. The Committee upon the concern of this Meeting for their welfare have made an interesting report, giving evidence of the success of the schools which have been established among them, [illegible] their capacity, as well as [illegible] to a condition in which they may be able to maintain themselves, administering to their own needs in domestic life.

The condition of the tribes of Indians located in the western part of our country continues to claim our deep sympathy, and we are endeavoring to assist [illegible] to benefit this [illegible] class of our fellow men.

On committee upon the subject of education [illegible] that the youth [illegible] [illegible] of education to prepare them for the duties and business of life, also report an interest in the needs of schools for Scriptural instruction.

We believe these schools to be an important agency in building up the church by bringing to youth a Scriptural [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] them. We feel the importance [illegible] of choosing for teachers in such schools those who have the fear of [illegible] [illegible] and that experience the (truths) they attempt to teach.

We are your friends and brethren

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting,

Samuel Boyce
Clerk

1870. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England commencing at Newport, Rhode Island, on Seventh day the eleventh of 6th Mo. 1870.

By reports from our several Quarterly Meetings the representatives therein named are, from

Rhode Island, – David Buffum, Joseph Cartland, Benj. Peck, Hiram Buffinton, William A. Robinson, Obadiah Chase, George Brown, Edward W. Collins, Stephen Chase, James Kimball, Gideon C. Smith and George Anthony.

Salem, – Thomas Folsom, Sewell Ordway, Hiram Chase, William O. Newhall, Moses Huntingdon, Moses F. Rogers, Augustine Jones, Jabez Wood, Nathan Breed Jr., [illegible], Moses Sawyer and William A. Brown.

Sandwich, – Rufus Sherman, Josiah Holmes Jr., Joseph S. Tillinghast, George W. Francis, Lowell Hoxie, William F. Wardwell, David K. Akin, Nathan S. Shepherd, Arnold Gifford and Jonathan Cowen.

Falmouth, – Abraham Winslow, Freeman Andrews, Nathan Douglass, Joseph Winslow, Calvin S. Goddard, Charles E. Varney, and Isaiah Frye.

Smithfield, – John Milton Earle, Abel C. Munroe, Richard Bailey, Charles Harkness, Amos W. Collins, Thomas Grover, Jonathan F. Southwick and Samuel H. Colton.

Vassalboro, – Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, John D. Lang, Thomas S. Nichols, James Hussey, Jesse Roberts, Jedediah C. Varney, Zaccheus Goddard, James Pope, Jonathan Estes and Caleb Jones.

Dover, – Joseph W. Pratt, Timothy B. Hussey, William Pray, [illegible] Tibbetts and [illegible] Meader.

Fairfield, – George Richardson, [illegible], Reuben F. Jones, Moses Bailey, William Prince Winslow and Joseph Taylor,

who being called, are all present but two, for the absence of one of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

Having at this time the acceptable company of our beloved Friend Isaac Robson from England, his certificates were received from the Monthly Meeting of Brighouse held in the 4th Mo. last, the Quarterly Meeting of Yorkshire held in the 4th Mo., and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held the 17th of 5th mo., all expressing unity with him as a minister in good esteem, and in his prospect of a religious visit in our land; our minds were brought into much sympathy with our dear friend in this his arduous engagement; we extend to him a cordial welcome and desire his encouragement.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends David H. Darnell, from N. York Yearly Meeting; Deborah C. Thomas from Baltimore; Allen Jay from North Carolina; Caroline E. Talbot from Ohio; Robert W. Douglas from Indiana; Eli Newlin and David J. McMillan from Western; James C. Bailey, [illegible] Hunt, Lindley M. Hoag, Jane M. S. Carney, from Iowa, and Eliza H. Varney from Canada; who have produced satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings which have been read expressive of unity with them in their prospect of a religious engagement amongst us.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Maria Willets, an elder, from New York Yearly Meeting, companion to Deborah C. Thomas; Martha S. Stanley, an elder, from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Robert W. Hodson, an elder, companion to David J. McMillan; and John Newlin, an elder, companion to Eli Newlin, both from Western Yearly Meeting; who have produced minutes from their respective meetings, expressive of concurrence with them in their present religious engagement.

The London printed Epistle for the year 1867 has, at this time, been read to our edification and encouragement; and in order that the instructive contents may be more generally diffused among our members, we appoint Charles E. Tucker and Henry S. Wood to see that an edition of 3,000 copies be apportioned among our subordinate meetings and placed under the care of the representatives. And they are requested to cause an edition of 2,000 copies thereof to be printed in smaller size and sent down to the Quarterly Meetings.

Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Ireland, Baltimore and North Carolina were then read, and the meeting then adjourned to 4 o'clock in the afternoon

A communication is at this time received from M. Van Horn of this city, offering the use of the Congregational meeting-house for the purpose of holding a Friends'

1870. meeting tomorrow evening: and this meeting gratefully accepts the offer, viewing it as an evidence of the Christian kindness and regard of that Society towards us; and the clerk is directed to furnish him with an extract from this minute

Afternoon. Friends met pursuant to adjournment. David Buffum on behalf of the representatives, informed the meeting that they were united in proposing Samuel Boyce for clerk, and Charles R. Tucker for assistant; which nominations being severally approved they were appointed to those services for one year

A communication is at this time received from Charles Howard Malcolm of this city offering the use of the Second Baptist meeting house for the purpose of holding a Friends' meeting, tomorrow afternoon; this meeting cordially accepts this offer, viewing it as an evidence of the kind and Christian regard of that Society, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with an extract of this minute

Epistles from Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa & Canada were now read

In the reading of these Epistles our dear brethren of other Yearly Meetings were brought very near to us in the fellowship of the Gospel: and we appoint Gilbert Congdon, Eli Jones, Obadiah Chase, George Richardson, John Page, Isaac Steere, David K. Aikin, Timothy B. Hussey, William C. Taber, Charles F. Coffin, Henry T. Wood, Caleb Jones of China, Stephen Jones, Joseph Cartland, Augustine Jones, Charles C. Varney, Wm. O. Newhall, Charles R. Tucker, Jabez Ward, Calvin S. Goddard, Newell Hoxie, Richard Batty, Josiah Philbrick, Daniel Beede, Wm A. Brown, Charles Taber, Samuel Boyce, Wm P. Mosher, Daniel Swift, George Howland Jr, Matthew Howland, John H. Chapman, Albert K. Smiley, Thomas J. Batty & Joseph Taylor, to prepare as way may open for it, essays of Epistles to all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, and present them at a future sitting

Our minds at this time have been drawn in Christian love towards our brethren in Norway; and apprehending that an epistolary communication would tend to their encouragement, our committee in correspondence are requested to take the subject into consideration, and if way opens for it prepare an essay for an epistle to be sent to that Yearly Meeting.

Minutes of concurrence were at this time produced & read on behalf of Abby G. Mendenhall, companion to Jane M. P. Canney, Catherine T. Taylor companion to Eliza H. Varney and Lydia Maria Stanley companion to Martha H. Stanley

By the Reports from our Quarterly Meetings we are informed; that Rhode Island has united with Swanzey Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Mark Anthony and Amey D. Anthony; and that Hannah Alby a member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, and an elder, deceased 11mo. 22d 1869 aged 92 years 8 mos 16 days.

Salem informs that they have united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Robert E. Brown and Mary Alice Brown to the station of Elders.

Sandwich informs that Lydia B. Mitchell, of Nantucket, an elder and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting died 10th Mo. 16th, 1869, aged 82 years, 7 mos.; that Rhoda H. Taber a minister and member of the same Monthly Meeting died 12th Mo. 29th 1869 aged 73 years, 7 mos. 20 days; and that they have united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the ministry of Daniel Swift; and with Westport Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the ministry of William P. Macomber.

Falmouth informs that they have united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Stillman Estes, Mary C. Hawkes and Hannah W. Meader to the station of elders; and that John H. Morrell, an elder and member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting deceased 2d Mo. 24th 1870, aged 89 years 3 mos & 20 days

Vassalboro informs that they have united with Unity Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Luther Mosher and Jane H. Meader to the station of Elders; and with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Caleb Jones and Hannah M. Jenkins to the same station; that Hannah S. Philbrick, an elder,

1870. deceased 7th Mo. 7th 1869 aged 47 years and 12 days; and that Mary Estes, an elder, deceased 1st Mo. 1st, 1870, aged 86 years, 3 mos 19 days.

Dover informs that Hannah Morrell an elder, member of Berwick Monthly Meeting, died 3d Mo. 13th, 1870, aged 77 years; and that Lydia Varney, an elder and member of Dover Monthly Meeting died 3d mo. 13th 1870 in her 71st year.

Fairfield informs that they have united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Sarah T. Winslow

We appoint our friends Thomas Hartnett, Joseph Hoag, George Howland Jr, Caleb S. Goddard, Abel C. Munroe, Thomas S. Nichols, Timothy B. Hussey, and Isaac Winslow to prepare a summary of answers to the Queries and present to our next sitting.

We appoint William A. Robinson, William A. Brown, Edward H. Howland, Samuel Jones, Josiah Philbrick, John H. Crossman, Thomas Folsom, Samuel H. Colton, Jacob K. Purinton and Charles M. Bailey to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer and to propose a sum of money sufficient to defray the expenses of the Yearly Meeting for the ensuing year. They are also requested to propose some Friend for Treasurer

Salem Quarterly Meeting requests that this meeting take into consideration a new apportionment of our Yearly Meeting stock and also that a detailed statement of the accounts of our Treasurer shall be reported by the committee appointed to settle his accounts; which, after consideration, is referred to our representatives to report their judgment thereon to a future meeting.

Adjourned, to meet again on 2d day morning, the 13th at 10 o'clock.

Second day morning

the 13th Met pursuant to adjournment

The Representatives, being called, were all present but four; for the absence of three of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

A minute of concurrence has at this time been read, on behalf of Enos H. [illegible], companion to James E. [illegible], he being acceptably with us.

Acceptable Epistles from London and New York Yearly Meetings were at this time received and read.

The Records of our last Yearly Meeting were now read. The meeting then proceeded to the consideration of the state of society under a most solemn sense of the presence of the Great Head of the Church, and read the answers to the First Query. These answers evince, as heretofore, a want of faithfulness in regard to the due attendance of our religious meetings and we were most tenderly reminded of the obligations we are under to Him from whom come all our blessings, both temporal and spiritual, to be faithful in the performance of this religious duty, and in earnestness of heart to be diligent in assembling together for the purpose of worshiping our Father in Heaven, and thus openly acknowledge our allegiance to Him as the great King of kings and Lord of lords. Those meetings held in the middle of the week appear to be very much neglected, and we were introduced into deep exercise and travail of spirit, on account thereof; and the inquiry was most tenderly made, whether we consider them of less importance than those held upon First day? Are they as lively and interesting as they should be? Do we labor to hold them, as they were held in the days of our early Friends, in the power of God? Are we not in part accountable ourselves for the smallness of their number - for the want of life which is often apparent in them? Have we ourselves ever gone out after the lukewarm and indifferent and taken them by the hand? Are we careful to bear them on our hearts when we find access to the throne of grace? Have we an unwavering faith in the promises of God? Do we ask a blessing upon our own families and household? Are we Christians seven days in the week? Are we giving evidence, in our daily walks that we are the followers

1870 of Jesus? Do the elders, also, do their duty? Were we more faithful in these important points, should we not, sometimes, feel ourselves impelled to bow down in vocal supplication to our Father in heaven for his blessing to rest upon us?

Were we, ministers, more faithful in these important duties, should we not see an improvement, and would there not be found a gathering to the fold of Christ, and our meetings increase instead of lessen?

Our minds were drawn forth in deep sympathy towards those whose lot may be cast in very small meetings, and most of the time it may be that they are held in silence. We would remind these of the promise of our blessed Lord, that where two or three are gathered in His name there in the midst of them; and as these are concerned, though their number may be small, to wait upon Him in His name, He will be in the midst of them and feed them with that heavenly bread and that living water which continues to nourish up the soul unto everlasting life.

Let us ever keep in view our Saviour's comforting promise, when about to ascend to be glorified with the Father: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

P.M. Friends met pursuant to adjournment and the meeting then proceeded to the reading of the Queries & Answers as far as the 5th inclusive.

By the answer to the 2d Query, it appears that love and unity are wanting among some of our members, and we would affectionately revive the language of the apostle: "If we do not love our brother whom we have seen, how can we love God whom we have not seen?" We would earnestly entreat our beloved Friends often to examine their own hearts, and see whether there is something lurking there which prevents the free circulation of this pure love, as from vessel to vessel.

When assembled with our friends for the purpose of divine worship, do we feel this love flowing amongst us? Can we approach the throne of grace, and use the prayer which our Savior taught his disciples, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"?

Let us remember that we are not worthy to be called Friends if we do not love one another. Our blessed Lord declared, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Let there be the cementing influence of this pure love in the heart and all hardness towards each other will be done away, and detraction will cease. Although we may not slander our neighbors by our open & direct words, yet there are other ways by which we may injure them; even by the nodding of the head. Let us be watchful in this respect, remembering the declaration, "Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will the Lord cut off."

The right training of children was a subject in which the meeting was deeply exercised, and the necessity of a watchful care in regard to their reading was freely adverted to, lest their tender minds should become poisoned by the pernicious matter so abundantly circulated in the present day.

We were entreated to guard against frequenting places of public resort where we should be in the way of hearing corrupt conversation, inconsistent with the disciple of Christ, and become contaminated therewith.

We were tenderly exhorted to be diligent in the reading of the Holy Scriptures, particularly in our families collectively assembled, and in other seasons; if at times we feel inclined to bow the knee in vocal supplication, we were entreated to be faithful and yield to manifested duty, that the blessing of the Most High might rest upon our households.

The Representatives to whom was submitted the subject of a new apportionment, and also that of publishing a detailed statement of the Treasurer's accounts presented the following report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

1870. The representatives have met, and propose that the relative amounts of Stock among the Quarterly Meetings be as follows:

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| Rhode Island | 23 | per | cent |
| Salem | 21 | " | " |
| Sandwich | 31 | " | " |
| Falmouth | 4 | " | " |
| Smithfield | 5 | " | " |
| Vassalboro | 6 | " | " |
| Dover | 4 | " | " |
| Fairfield | 6 | " | " |
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They also recommend that the report of the committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts be made as heretofore; but after the present time they shall contain the items of receipts and expenditures, properly classified under their respective heads.

Wm A. Robinson
for the Representatives

which, being satisfactory, is accepted.

Adjourned to meet again tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock in this house in joint session with the women's Yearly Meeting.

Third day morning, the 14th. Friends met in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

The Representatives being called, were all present but six, for the absence of four of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

Our beloved Friends, Eli and Sybil Jones, at this time returned the certificates granted them in the year 1866, to make a visit in the love of the Gospel in foreign lands; and they inform this meeting that they have been enabled thro' Divine mercy to accomplish the arduous labors they had in prospect, and to return with the reward of peace. They have presented to this meeting a copy of a minute from the meeting of ministers and elders held in London on the 26th of 7th month 1869, expressive of their appreciation of their services, and satisfaction & unity with them in the work in which they had been engaged.

They informed the meeting that they had visited Ireland, England, Scotland, France, Greece, Asia Minor, Syria, Egypt, Palestine and some places on the borders of the Mediterranean Sea; that they had also visited many missions and schools, and had held meetings among the Musselmans, Pagans, Jews and others, in all of which places there was an open door and the Gospel message was received with thankfulness and joy.

During this season, while we have been listening to the instructive narrative of our dear friends, a very solemn covering of Divine love was spread over us, and we were made thankful, under a humbling sense of the care extended towards them in their travels; for the protection and preservation from dangers, perils by land & perils by sea, to which they have been exposed; and our hearts were united together in thanksgiving and praise to a superintending Providence for all these favors, and for their safe return to their friends.

Adjourned to meet again this afternoon, in separate session, at 3 o'clock.

Afternoon. —

Friends again met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee under appointment to promote efforts for the relief and improvement of the freed people of color, presented the following report, viz

To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee under appointment to promote efforts for the relief and improvement of the freed people of color, present their sixth annual report.

Near the first of 9th mo. 1869, our mission & schools at Washington were re-opened, under the care of our superintendents, John C. and Hannah Gove and our former principal Hannah S. Macomber with the assistants Mary C. Gove, Susan H. Peirce, Mary E. Jenkins and Elizabeth P. Nichols. This was a month earlier than in any previous year, as we believed that it would be for the interest of the school. We commenced with about 175 scholars, & before the end

1870 of the month had received all we could accommodate in our four rooms, numbering 256, with constant applications from others, which we were reluctantly obliged to refuse. The scholars this year have been between the ages of 6 and 17 years; means of instruction for those older being furnished by the evening schools at the Lincoln Institute, near by. Many of our children were of a better class than heretofore, some of the parents accompanying them and promising to visit the schools and co-operate with the teachers.

We feel much rejoiced at this proof of the interest of the parents in the welfare of their children. The attendance in the schools has never been better nor the progress of the pupils more satisfactory than this year. The children are more neat & orderly and better clothed. Nearly all have supplied themselves with books.

A vacation of one week was taken at the close of the year, and a little festival given to the schools; the scholars were collected in the school rooms, spoke some pieces and recited the story of the birth of Christ as found in Luke, second chapter, after which each received a present of a book or illuminated card and other smaller articles, the means to procure which were supplied by generous contributions from our friends in various parts of the Yearly Meeting. Parents & children were well pleased and satisfied.

During the recess Hannah S. Macomber visited about forty families, most of them homes of the older children. She writes; "I found quite a number of them very comfortable and pleasant. The people are still poor, very poor struggling with ignorance and all the degrading effects of slavery. But they are improving & have already improved wonderfully. Go to the Howard University. See the young men in the college class who have had but three years of study. Come to our Mission school. See the little boys, members of my first class, who entered our school four years ago, not knowing their letters. They can now read well, write a legible hand, have a good general knowledge of geography, the fundamental rules of Arithmetic, and of United States money. Go to their homes and see how hard the parents are laboring to feed, clothe and educate their families; and these are only some of the many."

Their preacher speaks most feelingly of their patient waiting and praying until the hour of their deliverance from slavery came; and we cannot but hope that, with the Divine bleſsing and their present advantages, they will become an industrious, educated people.

The colored trustees of schools in Washington have rendered some aſsistance in providing school-room furniture, and have also frequently visited our schools, expreſsing great satisfaction and thankfulneſs at the work that is being so thoroughly done there for this people, referring other teachers to them as model schools.

A large and interesting First-day School has been maintained with increasing interest, numbering 130. scholars, under the care of 14 teachers, composed of our own miſsion family, together with several young men from the city, who have kindly and generously given their aſsistance in this interesting work, and have also united in a teachers' meeting, one evening in the week, for the study of the lesson and other First-day school subjects. There now also a First-day school library, numbering seventy volumes, the generous gift of our friend Charles Hale of New Bedford, including some interesting temperance stories, calculated to arouse the careleſs & intemperate. There is already quite an interest awakening in the temperance cause, and we believe another powerful auxiliary in this very important reform would be the paſsage of the bill, some time since presented to Congreſs, for the suppreſsion of liquor selling in the District of Columbia

Sarah E. Hall continues her interest and her labors for the improvement of this people. She remained in Washington during part of the summer vacation, devoting her time to teaching the women & girls sewing, cutting and fitting garments and mending.

1870. In the winter she opened a Sewing School averaging about 75 Scholars, for the girls who attend our schools. Many of them had been before taught to sew nicely, and her chief aim, the past winter, has been to teach them the more difficult parts of cutting and fitting garments together; and their improvement has been very satisfactory. She also has a morning class for women and grown-up girls, on her plan of last summer, and they are very much interested in their work. During the past year she has given out about one hundred garments to be made by poor women in their rooms, to help them in getting clothing for themselves; but her main object is to teach them to sew and mend, rather than to furnish employment, as the Lincoln Institute, near by us, has an industrial School, where they can obtain employment after they have once learned to sew and fit their work. She says, "Those Section of the city where no industrial school of any kind has been established are the ones which furnish most of the examples of extreme destitution and degradation in Washington, another convincing proof of the necessity of 'healthful' employment as the great means of elevating them temporally & morally." She acknowledges the receipt, during the past winter, of several valuable contributions of clothing from Lynn, Salem, Newburyport, New Bedford, Long Plain, Holliston, and Westbury (L. Island) all of which she says "have made glad many hearts, and, I believe, have been, in every instance, worthily bestowed." She wishes us particularly to mention the receipt, from a friend in Salem, of fourteen work-boxes, which have been given, from time to time, as rewards, to those who have made the most improvement in sewing. They are very nice presents, and the little girls who received them were very much pleased.

She continues, "The prospect is, that there will be as much need another year as before, and it will so continue to be, unless these many thousands of idle men shall become self-supporting through their own labor. Their almost superstitious faith in the government holds them here with a force that even starvation itself cannot shake. What shall be done with them?"

This committee have under their care two young women who are being fitted for teachers, in the normal department of the Howard Institute. The expenses of their education are not defrayed from the funds of this Yearly Meeting, but from money received for this purpose from a fund called "the English School Fund for the Training of Teachers"

Several members of the Committee have visited the Mission at different times during the year, and have been well satisfied with the management of the family and the progress and improvement of the scholars. We feel, as heretofore, that our school enjoys peculiar advantages in providing a home for the teachers, under the care of our valued friends, John C. and Hannah Love. Our corps of teachers have been all we could desire, earnest and faithful in their work, and, we believe, sincerely desirous to promote the best welfare of the children under their care. The family circle has been a harmonious and happy one, and the influence exerted has been ever beneficial to all within its reach.

Meetings for religious worship have been regularly held at the mission on First day mornings which have been attended by the few members of our Society who reside in Washington, and [illegible] temporarily in the city; and Friends traveling in the ministry, have often found a comfortable home under its hospitable roof.

The whole amount of expense of the mission for the past year including expense of Government buildings and repairs, has been $\$3.398\frac{30}{100}$

Balance now on hand $\$1.131\frac{57}{100}$

By the financial report of our proceedings, it will be observed that the balance of funds remaining on hand, at the close of our school year will be about $\$1000$ (one thousand dollars) This sum, together with the income arising from the rents of our houses and from other sources, will be nearly sufficient to maintain our operations for another year. And in view of the success which has attended our efforts in the [illegible]

1870. continued need which is still manifest among this class in Washington, we are united in recommending that the Schools be continued another year.

On behalf of the committee
Edward W. Howland
Newport 6th Mo. 13th 1870. Ann B. Earle

Note. – Contributions of money, clothing or other articles for the benefit of the Freedmen will be gladly received by the Committee and may be sent to our friends Wm. C. Taber of New Bedford, or Charles H. Coffin of Lynn, who will forward them for the sick and needy in Washington

Cotton cloth, calico and stocking yarn are especially desirable.

This Report and feeling [illegible] is accepted, and the attention given to the [illegible] [illegible], to the [illegible] [illegible] and their labor for the good of the Freedmen is very grateful to our feelings, and we believe that the blessing of the Most High has rested upon the Mission.

The committee are continued, and are desired to unite with a committee from the women's meeting and take the necessary charge of the mission for one year.

Committee. – Edward W. Howland, Benjamin Buffum, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, Edward Earle, John G. Whittier, Joseph Cartland, Charles D. Estes, Joseph Grinnell, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles H. Coffin, Henry T. Wood, Thomas C. Steere, Moses Sawyer and William A. Brown

Women's Committee. – Ann B. Earle, Gulielma W. Howland, Ellen K. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Eliza A. Boyce, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Anna G. Wood. Susan Taber, Ann Maria Coffin, Ruth B. Gifford, Elizabeth H. [illegible], Mary Osborne, & Margaret B. Estes.

The meeting then proceeded to the reading of the Queries and Answers under a feeling of [illegible] solemnity, and much tender counsel & advice were given by concerned Friends. It appears by these that drowsiness and sleeping are apparent in some instances in our religious meetings, and we were encouraged, where, in the absence of sickness, [illegible] a loss of life, to consider whether we are not too much absorbed, in our avocations, with the things of this world.

We were encouraged to more watchfulness and prayer, under the belief that as we are engaged to pray without ceasing, our blessed Saviour will help us to overcome this weakness.

Desires were felt for a more faithful maintenance of all our Christian testimonies. We believe they originated in the truth and that our worthy predecessors were led to the adoption of them under its blessed influence.

We crave that they may all be supported, believing that we cannot let any of them fall without a spiritual loss.

The meeting was introduced into an exercise on behalf of those who have been in membership with us but have separated themselves from their right, and also for the descendants of such, and for others non-members who manifest an attachment to Friends by attending our meetings; - and under a belief that as our heavenly Father seeks unto us, so a religious duty is required towards such, Monthly Meetings were encouraged to appoint committees to visit them in the spirit of gathering and restoring love, and labor with them, in the ability afforded, in order to bring them into the bosom of the church, manifesting the spirit of Moses towards Hobab, his brother-in-law, witnessed by the kind invitation, "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel"

## Summary Answers

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been duly held, except four omitted mostly on account of inclement weather, and attended on First day mornings by Friends generally; those held in the middle of the week & for discipline not so fully attended.

1870. The hour is nearly observed. A few instances of sleeping. Clear of other unbecoming behavior.

2d. Love and unity are generally maintained, and detraction guarded against, with some exceptions. Endeavors are used to end differences when they arise.

3d. We believe Friends have a care to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and to be good examples themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families, with a few exceptions.

4th. The use of spirituous liquors is confined to medicinal purposes, with eight exceptions; the frequenting of taverns and places of public resort mostly avoided. Nearly clear in the other parts of this query.

5th. The necessities of the poor are attended to, and their circumstances inquired into; their children freely partake of learning to fit them for business, and placed out from among Friends.

6th. With a few exceptions, which are generally under notice, Friends appear careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

7th. With one exception of a military nature, and one or two of contributing to a paid ministry our testimonies appear to be well maintained in the several parts of this query.

8th. Friends, with few exceptions, are careful in the several parts of this query.

9th. Clear so far as known. A few removals without certificates, most of which are under notice.

10th. Care is taken to deal with offenders, though not at all times as seasonably as would be best. Judgment has been placed, we trust, according to discipline.

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Fourth Day Morning, the 13th. Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Representatives being called, all are present but five, for the absence of three of whom satisfactory reasons were

Dover Quarterly Meeting proposes that the place of holding their Quarterly Meeting of ministers & elders in the sixth month be changed from Weare to Dover, and that the holding of it in the 10th month be changed from South Weare to North Weare; and that the hour of holding all their meetings be changed from 11 o'clock to 10 o'clock; which being approved by this meeting, the changes are accordingly made.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting informs that Falmouth Monthly Meeting, proposes the appointment of Calvin S. Goddard, for correspondent of that meeting in place of John W. [illegible], deceased; which appointment is accordingly made.

The committee to see that one third of 3.000 copies of the Annual printed Epistle is placed in the care of the representatives, reported that the service has been performed.

All the Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid their proportion of yearly stock to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

In order that a correct list of the members of our meetings of ministers and elders may be kept upon our records, our Quarterly Meetings are requested to report the names, next year, of all the ministers and elders within their limits, and they are requested to report annually, in addition to our present practice, all the names of those who remove without the limits of our Yearly Meeting, and those who remove within the limits of each Quarterly Meeting.

The report of our Boarding-School Committee was at this time received and read, and being satisfactory to the meeting it was accepted, and is as follows; -

To the Yearly Meeting

In presenting their annual report of the condition of the Boarding School at Providence, the Committee feel themselves authorized to state that the standing of the institution, as one of the first of its class, under the management of its present board of officers, has been maintained; harmony and good order have prevailed; and they have been comforted in observing an increasing sense of religious obligation among its inmates,

1870. and, in not a few cases, undoubted proofs of a growth in Christian life have been witnessed. They can also with thankfulness report that no severe case of illness has occurred at the School during the past year.

The number of pupils during the Autumn term was one hundred and seventy two, viz. one hundred and eight boys and sixty four girls: in the Spring term, one hundred and sixty eight, viz. one hundred and seven boys, and sixty one girls.

The officers of the institution have been Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department; John F. Reeder, Thomas J. Battey, Bessie T. Wing, Martha L. Read, and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches; William B. Phillips, teacher of ancient & modern languages, Daniel C. Mayfield teacher of mathematics and Catharine H. Austin teacher of drawing.

The pupils and family continue to attend the meeting of Friends at Providence on First day forenoons and in the middle of the week. First day afternoons are occupied in Scriptural instruction & reading, and portions of Scripture are daily read to the assembled school in each department, in the morning and before retiring for the night.

In our report of last year it was stated that the net earnings of the School, as near as could be ascertained were $3.547, three thousand five hundred & forty seven dollars; but on definitely closing up the yearly accounts, it was found that the full sum of $3766 81/100 had been realized from the business of the year, reducing the debt then existing to $10,868 26/100. The report of the auditing committee now shows, that as near as can be ascertained, the income of the School to the end of the present term will exceed its expenses, including interest paid, by the sum of $4.957 49/100, which deducted from the amount of debt above, leaves the present indebtedness Five thousand, nine hundred and ten dollars 77/100 ($5.910 77/100). From this favorable result the Comm. infer that with the Divine blessing, one year more of reasonable success will nearly liquidate the payment for the new building.

It must be a source of satisfaction to Friends of this Yearly Meeting to know that while the accommodations and comforts of the students have been kept up, and the charge for board and tuition to our own members have not been greater than those now charged at other similar schools, there has been paid during the past six years, from the earnings of the establishment towards the valuable improvements that have been made in the school buildings, the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Dollars

We would propose that the charge for board and tuition, the ensuing school year of forty weeks, to members of our Yearly Meeting be reduced to one hundred and twenty dollars and that no change be made at this time in the price to other classes of scholars.

Proposed scale of terms of tuition &c.

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| For members of our Yearly Meeting | $120. |
| For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members from such persons, or for children educated at the expense of such | $190. |
| For all others who may be admitted | $300. |

An additional charge of Ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Latin, French, German or Drawing, - one half payable at the commencement of the year, and one half at the opening of the Term.

From information received from the Treasurer of the School fund, it appears that the income from the charitable funds, including the Ebenezer Metcalf donation, will warrant the admission of eighteen scholars the ensuing year.

A contribution in aid of our charitable funds referred to in our report last year, amounting to One thousand eight hundred dollars has been received and paid over to the Treasurer of the School funds. While we commend the liberality of those who have contributed of the means with which the Lord has prospered them, to this good work, we would urge upon all our dear friends, throughout the Yearly Meeting, the consideration whether they will not also lend a

1870. helping hand herein, that thus more of our members who could not otherwise enjoy the benefit of the School, might be assisted in obtaining an education to qualify them for usefulness in their generation under the fostering care of the Society.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee
Wm C. Taber, Clerk

[illegible] - [illegible] [illegible] begins 9th Mo. 7th 1870: closes 1st Mo. 25th 1871. Winter recess begins 12th Mo. 25th 1871, closes 2d Mo. 8th, 1871: Second half year begins 2d Mo. [illegible] 1871; closes 6th Mo. 28th 1871.

Regulation of the School Committee - Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half-year on [illegible] application of parents Guardians at the time of withdrawing.

"The Committee earnestly desire that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half-year may be as small as possible, as in the arrangement of classes and studies reference is made primarily to those who remain through the year constituting, as they do, a large majority of the school and it must therefore happen that those who remain but half the term will receive much less than a proportionate share of advantage.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 2d of 8th month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable fund or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation, should apply at the time above specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants.

Application for admission should be made to the Principal. Address Albert K. Smiley, Principal Friends' School, Providence, R.I.

And the Committee, with the exception of Joseph [illegible] [illegible], deceased, are continued, and in conjunction with a committee from the Women's

Yearly Meeting, are desired to take the general supervision of the School for one year; and Charles Taber is added to said committee.

Our friend Thomas Cartland is appointed Treasurer of the school fund for the year.

Committee — David Buffum, William C. Taber, Charles W. Weber, Edward Earle, Thomas B. Nichols, Wm P. Tuttle, Wm A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, Moses Bailey, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] H. [illegible], Charles F. Coffin, of Lynn, Richard Battey, Gilbert Congdon, George Howland jr, Charles Taber.

Women's Committee — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Mary C. Hawkes, Anna W. Colton, Rachel B. Nichols, Eliza F. Varney, Gertrude W. Cartland, Dorcas B. Robinson, Ann B. Earle, [illegible] C. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] W. Cartland, Ruth C. Gifford, [illegible] F. [illegible] and Juliana [illegible].

Adjourned to meet again this P.M. at 4 o'clock

Afternoon, Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were read, and the attention which had been paid to the various concerns that have come before that meeting is satisfactory. The account given of the labors of the committee in conjunction with committees of other Yearly Meetings, for the improvement of the condition of the Indians in the far West, was deeply interesting, and strong desires were expressed that the committee may continue their exertions for the help of this much injured class of our fellow-men.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to Charles F. Coffin of Richmond, Indiana, the sum of Eight thousand and fifty dollars to be appropriated to the payment of our Proportion of the funds to be raised to carry forward this [illegible] concern; and we appoint our friends, Wm A. Brown, Edward W. Howland, Moses Bailey, Stephen Jones, Gideon C. Smith, Joseph Taylor, Abel C. Munroe, David K. Aiken, Thomas Cartland, [illegible] Jones, Wm C. Taber, Lemuel Jones, Henry S. Ward, Wm P. Tuttle, Rufus Peck, Samuel [illegible], Timothy B. Hussey, Wm S. Boyce, Jonathan [illegible], [illegible] L. [illegible] to bring forward the names of friends to constitute a Meeting

1870. for Sufferings, for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Education make the following Report:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Education submit the following Report

The members of this Committee, being scattered as they are throughout New England, have not had that opportunity for conference and consultation which they would have desired. Several meetings have, however, been held during the year, viz.: Two at Newport in the 6th month last, one at Lynn in the 8th Mo., one at [illegible] in the 9th Mo., one at Providence in the 2d month, and two since coming to this island at the present time.

These meetings have all been occasions of interest, & we doubt not have done something towards promoting the objects for which this Committee was appointed, and [illegible] in the [illegible] of promoting First day Schools and Bible instruction, a work which this committee are [illegible] at least, believing it to be intimately connected with the best interests of this Society.

Circulars were sent to our Correspondents in the different Monthly Meetings immediately after our last Yearly Meeting, calling their attention to the importance of giving particular attention to the Schools within their limits, and [illegible] to be able, at the end of the year, to give a definite statement in regard to the attendance and condition of each.

These Circulars, in most instances, had the desired effect; but it is evident; but it is evident to the Committee that the only way to obtain correct statistics, touching the information desired by the Yearly Meeting is for the Yearly Meeting to insist upon the Monthly Meetings appointing special Committees for that purpose. For if the subject is worthy of consideration at all, it is important that the information coming to the Yearly Meeting should be strictly reliable.

And inasmuch as the subject of the number of members is likewise among the queries to which answers are desired from our correspondents, the Committee suggests and recommends that lists of members of each Monthly Meeting.

alphabetically arranged and clearly drawn up, shall be placed in some conspicuous place in each meeting house of Friends where a Monthly Meeting is held, where their accuracy and completeness can be ascertained by all interested, and such lists, renewed year by year, shall be the basis from which the number of members be computed.

We believe the following summary to be very nearly correct:

Queries

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| The No. of Children belonging to the Meeting between the ages of five and twenty-one years | 848. |
| The No. of Monthly Meeting Schools | 1. |
| " Preparative " " | 1. |
| " Family " | 6. |
| " Children who have attended school during the past year | 733. |
| The No. who have attended School taught by Friends or under their control | 187. |
| The No. obtaining an Education at Academies and Colleges not under the care of Friends | 42. |
| The No. of your members engaged in teaching | 115. |
| The No. of First day Schools under care of Friends | 66. |
| What portion of the year have they been held | 8 months |
| The whole No. attending | 2,737 |
| " average " " | 1,756 |
| " No. of Friends attending | 1,070 |
| " " over 21 years of age | 917 |
| " " Friends over 21 years of age | 628 |
| " " of Teachers engaged in them | 258 |
| " " [illegible] | |
| " " [illegible] | 18 |
| " " Bible Classes not connected with First day Schools | 14 |
| What portions of the year has each been held | 7 months |
| Whole No. belonging to [illegible] | 303. |
| Average " attending the same | 202. |
| The No. of Friends belonging to same | 224. |
| " " Births during year ending 5th Mo. 1st 1870. | 34. |
| " " admitted by request | 31. |
| " " added by certificate from other Yearly Meetings | 4. |
| " " removed " " to | 43. |
| " " deceased | 7[illegible]. |
| " " disowned or released | 17. |
| Whole No. of members of the Meeting on 5th Mo. 1st 1870 — | 4500 |

1870. While this statement may not be all that we could desire, it has, at least, some encouraging features, especially with reference to First day Schools and Scriptural instruction.

It appears, by reference to our Book of records, that in the year 1851, when the number of First day Schools was first reported to the Yearly Meeting, there were but 16. in all with an attendance of 533; 314 of whom were members of our Religious Society, being only about 24. per cent. of the number of children reported for that year; while at the present time the whole number receiving instruction in these Schools is 3.040, the number of Friends connected with such, including teachers, being 1.328, or about 30. per cent. of the whole number of members.

The number of children of Friends attending these Schools between the ages of 5 and 21 is 442, about fifty per cent. of the whole number of children in the Yearly Meeting. In this connection it should be borne in mind that quite a number of Friends and Friends' children are connected with union Schools not reported in this account

It appears from the returns that the number not members of our Society attending First day Schools under the care of Friends is 1.667, viz: 289 adults and 1.378 children.

Another encouraging feature, is the establishment, in various sections of the Yearly Meeting, during the past year, of Bible or Quarterly Meeting conferences for the purpose of encouraging Scriptural instruction, and it is to be hoped, considering the good influence of these conferences, in various directions, that before another Yearly Meeting, there may be such an association formed in each Quarterly Meeting within our limits

We have still to report that 15 of our meetings are yet reported as without First-day Schools against 21 last year. Some of these meetings, however are very small. Six new schools have been established where none existed last year and efforts are reported which we hope will increase this number in future reports. One meeting reports an assembly on Firstday afternoon, when the Scriptures are read, followed by a season for social worship; and we learn of other similar gatherings not reported, where good seems to result.

Are there not other similar openings in various parts of our land, where, if Friends were earnestly engaged to ask the direction and aid of the Lord, they would find many ways of serving him? Let us seek for more full consecration of will and power to Christ, and more faithful obedience to the leadings of his Holy Spirit, for it may with some of us "the time is short".

And while we would impress upon Friends the importance of giving increased attention to the interesting subject of Scriptural instruction, we would urge upon them the importance of grasping the whole subject of education in its broadest and most comprehensive sense, for the head as well as for the heart needs educating in order to perform in the best manner the responsible duties that are daily devolving upon us as members of a religious society, claiming through Christ, individual priesthood before God. And the more fully this solemn truth is recognized, the greater becomes our responsibility

"Knowledge is power"; and hence the importance of developing the whole man mentally as well as spiritually, for when such knowledge is consecrated to God, its possessor becomes a powerful agency in the Lord's hand in promulgating religious truth and in building up the Redeemer's kingdom among men

It is, therefore, clearly the duty of New England Yearly Meeting to make ample provision for the liberal education of the youth of our people, and especially for such as are so circumstanced as to be unable to provide the means of such education for themselves. We hope Friends may be encouraged and stimulated to make personal sacrifices, if need be, for the thorough, guarded education of their children. We believe there never has been a time in the history of our Society when such care was more needed or when such effort would be more richly rewarded.

There never was a time when intelligent, conscientious Friends could labor more successfully than now, in the service of their Master; for

1870. while there is a tendency in the human mind to follow the leading spirits of the age, saying "Lo, here is Christ", or rejecting them altogether, there is a growing conviction that whatever is to be experimentally known of God is manifest in man.

If then, we would continue to fill [illegible] position as a religious society, which our Father in heaven, would have us occupy, and in disseminating those primitive doctrines of Christianity recognized as truth by our early Friends, we must not only continue to advocate the great cause of Education, but contribute liberally to its support.

Signed on behalf of the Committee
J. H. Crossman, Clerk

Which being read and approved, was accepted; and the attention given to this interesting concern was satisfactory to the meeting, and the several propositions therein contained are recommended to the careful consideration and the adoption of our subordinate meetings; and the committee are continued with the exception of George C. Varney, and requested to unite with a committee from the Women's meeting and take the necessary care in regard to the subject of Education for one year; and Russell Hoag is added to said committee.

Committee — Joseph C. Macomber, Charles H. Earle, Saml. R. Buffinton, Saml. Austin, Abel F. Collins, John H. Crossman, William F. Vining, John Page, Prince S. Moore, Nathan F. Shepherd, Isaac R. Potter, William P. [illegible], [illegible], John Cartland, Charles Goddard, Silas H. Cartland, Calvin S. Goddard, Abel C. Munroe, James G. Arnold, Greely Dow, Thomas B. Nichols, Caleb Jones, Clement R. Jones, Albert C. Hill, Samuel Buffum, Lewis Jones, Benjamin S. Shepherd, Isaac Winslow, Russell Hoag

Women's Committee — Cynthia J. Earle, Anna Gould, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] M. Gove, Mary B. Breed, Charity G. Dillingham, Susan Tuber, Ruth A. Shepherd, Hetty S. Potter, Elizabeth Ann [illegible], Esther Jones, Eunice D. Cartland, Mary C. Hawkes, [illegible], Abigail Wheeler, Lydia G. Dow, Maria Aldrich, Margaret B. Cates, Narcissa Jacobs, Almira S. Hanson, Peter [illegible] Sawyer, Hannah W. Mosher, Deborah M. [illegible], Zilpha J. Shepherd, Sarah [illegible] Winslow, [illegible] J. [illegible], Abigail [illegible].

Adjourned to meet again tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## Fifth Day, Afternoon the 16th.

Friends met near the time of adjournment

The Representatives being called were all present but six, for the absence of four of whom a satisfactory reason was assigned.

Having at this time the company of our Friends Robert W. Douglass and William G. Hubbard from Ohio, who authorized by the "Peace Association of Friends in America" to labor as agents on their behalf, by way of lecturing and disseminating and circulating amongst the public, such documents and information as will tend to the spreading of our views and principles against war and fighting, the subject has received our deliberate consideration, and [illegible] was our desire that our Yearly Meeting may [illegible] and follow the pointings of truth in this respect.

We desire [illegible] sympathy with our Friends in their desire for the spread of our peaceable principles, and in order to aid in the good work, we appoint [illegible], [illegible], John H. [illegible], Joseph H. Mosher, [illegible] O. [illegible], Matthew [illegible], Charles W. [illegible], [illegible], David [illegible] Gifford, Joseph [illegible], [illegible] Richardson, Chas M. Bailey, Chas Taber, Gideon Wood, Jabez Wood, Thos [illegible] Nichols, Joseph E. Macomber, Henry [illegible] Wood, Nathaniel Gifford, George Pope, Howard Chase, [illegible] & [illegible] Holmes [illegible] Austin a committee to open subscriptions for raising funds to be placed at the disposal of said committee, to be expended by them in obtaining and distributing documents [illegible] of the object we have in view; and they are requested to report at our next Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer & ^sum for purposes, presented the following report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee appointed to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, to propose a sum to be raised for the use of this Meeting for the ensuing year & to present the name of a

1870. Suitable friend for Treasurer have attended to their appointment, and submit the following Report, viz:—

## Receipts.

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| Balance from last year's account | $ 2,587.50 |
| Interest on Eagle Bank Stock | 80. |
| " on City of Boston bonds | 600. |
| " on Note of W. J. Hoppin | 34.30 |
| From Sandwich Quarterly Meeting | 1,800. |
| " Salem " " | 1,500. |
| " Rhode Island " " | 1,320. |
| " Smithfield " " | 240. |
| " Dover " " | 180. |
| " Fairfield " " | 360. |
| " Vassalboro " " | 360. |
| " Falmouth " " | 240. |
| | $ 9301.80 |

## Expenditures

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| Paid traveling expenses of Eastern friends | $ 628. |
| " do of Committee on Education | 16.70 |
| Expenses of [illegible] | 378.35 |
| " of Friends abroad | 2000. |
| Care of Meeting house | 185.02 |
| Committee on [illegible] | 340.00 |
| Aid of N. Carolina Yearl. Meeting | 1000.00 |
| Safe for Yearly Mtg Records | 432.02 |
| Painting of Meeting House | 137.35 |
| Printing | 440.87 |
| Interest account | 1,087.81 |
| Balance to new account | 2,655.68 |
| | $ 9,301.80 |

We recommend that the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5000) be raised for the ensuing year, and propose the name of Gideon C. Smith for Treasurer.

For the Committee

Report 6th Mo. 15th 1870. William [illegible] Robinson

The Yearly Meeting has received of A. H. Smiley, during the past year, six thousand seven hundred and fifty nine dollars and 95/100 ($6.759 $\frac{95}{100}$), which amount has been used to reduce the school debt. The present indebtedness of the Yearly Meeting, including the School debt, is Fourteen thousand four hundred and fifty ($14.450), which is in a fair way to be mainly liquidated during the coming year.

Which being read and satisfactory, it was accepted and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to pay their respective proportions of the sum to be raised to the treasurer of this meeting, and Gideon C. Smith is accordingly appointed treasurer for one year.

The Committee on the revision of our discipline presented the following report, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the revision of the Book of Discipline report: that, during the past year, considerable progress has been made in the work.

Under the arrangement agreed upon, which is substantially the plan of the London work ~ a brief but comprehensive article upon our Christian belief & doctrines has been written, and the greater portion of the several essays on Christian Practice has been prepared, and the whole has been assigned to sub-committees.

The plan adopted anticipates however a thorough re-examination of every article and essay; and to carry this out requires still further time before the presentation of a final report

For the Committee Charles Tabor } Clerks
Ann B. Earle

Newport 6th Mo. 15th 1870.

And the Committee are continued and are desired to report at our next Yearly Meeting

Committee on Discipline.- Joseph Cartland, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Newell Hoxie, Calvin D. Goddard, Richard Batty, Thomas B. Nichols, Stephen Beede. Moses Bailey, Obadiah Chase, Charles B. Cates, Gilbert Congdon, Charles F. Coffin of Lynn, [illegible] Harkness, John Henry Crossman, George Howland Jr, George [illegible] Reuben L. Jones, Henry T. Wood, John Page of Weare, Edwd. R. Tucker, Charles Taber, Wm. A. Brown, John Milton Earle, & Abel F. Collins.

1870. Women's Committee - Gertrude W. Cartland, Mary Williams, Elizabeth Meader, Cynthia Bowen, Mary E. Breed, Lydia Pope, Hannah B. Sawyer, Mary Alice Brown, Rachel S. Howland, Phebe A. Gifford, Ruth H. Baker, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Eunice J. Rich, Jane C. Minott, Mary C. Hawkes, Esther Jones, Ann B. Earle, Ann W. Colton, Peace Jones, Rachel B. Nichols, Eliza P. Varney, Lois J. Greene, Mary J. Page, Emeline S. Myers, Eliza S. Pope, Abigail A. [illegible], Lydia [illegible], Elizabeth W. Howland, Abby S. Batley, Sarah Osborne, Emily E. Dudley, Ann Elmira Lang, Lydia P. Fry, Abigail C. Beede, Susan L. Meader, Fanny C. Pinkham, Sophia D. Bailey, Elizabeth C. Wing and Dorcas F. Tucker.

The Committee on the concern of this meeting for the improvement of the Passamaquoddy & Penobscot tribes of Indians made the following Report, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the concern of this meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians report, - that two of our number arranged for a visit to the Penobscot tribe, but the violent equinoctial storms of last autumn so raised the rivers as to make the visit impracticable until the season had become too far advanced.

Schools have been continued among them as heretofore, and from the frequent communication we have had with several of the tribes, we believe they are making some improvement in their condition, both as respects the education of their children and their advancement in the arts of civilized life. Some of the younger portion of the Penobscot tribe struggle under discouragement in their endeavor to build houses & improve their manner of living, and the committee believe that a small donation of money will serve as an encouragement to this class, and that the influence long exerted by Friends for good among them will be promoted by a little judicious assistance in this way. We therefore recommend that the Yearly Meeting place the sum of One hundred dollars ($100) at the disposal of the Committee the present year.

The wandering life of the Indians is still, to some extent, continued, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is improving, and, at present, they are generally free from the vice of intemperance.

On behalf of the committee
Stephen Jones
John D. Lang
Eli Jones
George Bowen
Henry T. Wood

Newport 6th Mo. 13th 1870.

Which is satisfactory, and the committee are continued (and are encouraged to further exertions for the benefit of these Indians) for another year. And said committee are at liberty to draw on the Treasurer of this Yearly Meeting for one hundred dollars, should that sum appear necessary, to be expended in their behalf.

Committee. John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Nathan Douglas, [illegible], [illegible], Samuel Taylor, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Henry T. Wood, [illegible] Richardson and Joseph Estes.

The Committee to propose to this meeting the names of Friends to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings made the following report, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting

The committee appointed to name suitable Friends to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year have attended to their appointment and submit the following names, viz:-

David Buffum, Saml. Boyce, Wm. C. Taber, Thomas [illegible], John D. Lang, Charles [illegible], [illegible], Charles M. Bailey, Edward Earle, Edward W. Howland, Timothy [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Bowen, Reuben T. Jones, Josiah Holmes, Jr. Perez Peck, Moses [illegible], Daniel [illegible], Wm. [illegible], [illegible], Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Tobias Meader, Richard Battey, Moses Bailey, Lemuel Jones, Abel C. Munroe, Joseph Cartland, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Timothy B. Hussey, Wm. A. Brown, Saml. H. Colton.

Newport 6th Mo. 16th 1870.

Which is accepted, and they are accordingly appointed to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings [illegible] year.

1870. [illegible] Buffum, [illegible] W. Howland, William A. Robinson, and David Buffum a committee with one or more of whom the Treasurer of the School Fund may consult in regard to the investment of the same.

Adjourned, to meet again tomorrow morning at 10½ o'clock.

Sixth Day Morning, the 17th

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on Correspondence presented essays for Epistles to other Yearly Meetings, and also one to Friends in Norway which being read and approved, the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting & to forward them to those meetings, respectively.

The Clerk is directed to sign the following minute for David Hunt, and minutes of a similar tenor for Eli [illegible], [illegible], David [illegible], Allen Jay, Caroline E. Talbot, Robert W. Douglass, David J. McMillan, James E. Bailey, Lindley M. Hoag, Jane M. F. Canney, and Eliza H. Varney, viz.:-

Our beloved friend, David Hunt, attended this meeting; his company and religious services have been acceptable to us

The clerk is also directed to sign the following minute for Robert W. Hodgson, and minutes of a similar tenor for [illegible], [illegible], John Newlin, Abby G. Mendenhall, Catharine [illegible], Lydia Maria Stanley & Enos H. Neal, viz.:

"Our beloved friend, Robert W. Hodgson, acceptably attended this meeting."

The clerk is directed to have 2000 copies of the Minutes of this Yearly Meeting printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings for distribution

A communication from a committee of the Bible and Tract Association of Friends held 6th Mo 15th was at this time received, requesting that this Yearly Meeting would appoint a committee to consider the propriety of taking the "Bible & Tract Association" under its care; whereupon we appointed [illegible], Gilbert Compton, Charles [illegible], Eli [illegible], "[illegible], [illegible] Reid, Josiah [illegible] Jr., [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] Nichols, Timothy B. Hughes, Saml. H. Colton and Charles A. Nichols to take the subject into solid consideration and report their views thereon at our next Yearly Meeting

Our business being now completed, we would [illegible], the [illegible] Heav-enly Father in that he has deigned to be near us from day to day and cover us with his love, through which we have been enabled to transact the business of this [illegible] harmony and condescension. We have been comforted together [illegible] gospel fellowship; we separate in love, purposing to meet again on 7th day after the [illegible] 6th day in the [illegible] next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel [illegible] Clerk

1870 Epistles

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England
1870
To the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in London

Dear Friends

Your acceptable epistle of 5th Mo. last, together with similar tokens of unity & fellowship from brethren on this continent has been received and read in this meeting and we have felt strengthened and have rejoiced in this continued evidence that, wherever situated, we are one body, knit together in the bonds of the gospel

Our meeting has been well attended, & has been, we trust, to many, a season of Divine favor. We have also been blessed with the company of many beloved Friends from other Yearly Meetings, [illegible] we are assured that they are sent of the Lord; — among whom is a dear friend just arrived from your land, whose company and gospel services have been truly acceptable reminding some of us of the work of his honored parents in this country in time past, and raising a feeling of thankfulness to the dear Master that the Son has been led to follow on in the footsteps of such parents.

We have been comforted & encouraged by the increased interest manifested by many of our members, particularly among the younger portion of our society, in the things which concern their salvation. There is, we humbly trust, good evidence of an increased vitality — of more marked spiritual life among us, both elder & younger; and though weakness and shortcomings are [illegible] in the life of many, may, still be said, yet we can but hope that, through the blessing of the Lord upon the prayers of the earnest-hearted, the day is approaching when through obedience to the teachings and guidance of the Holy Spirit our beloved Society may arise and shake itself from the dust of the earth, & become more fully and clearly an exponent of primitive Christianity

Our schools and mission house for the freedmen at Washington have been maintained with satisfactory results, and from the report of our committee it appears that the further continuance of them is still desirable; for although many of the people have, by industry and thrift become selfsupporting, yet a large portion continue to need the Christian care of their friends. The improvement in education of many of the young people among them is very gratifying

The efforts which have been made for the improvement of the Western Indians by the appointed committee composed of Friends from all the Yearly Meetings within the United States have thus far been successful in preserving peace in that portion of the Indian territory allotted to Friends; and something has also been done to improve their condition, and to establish schools among them. We have each felt the work to be great and [illegible] that it is only by the efficient help of the Holy Spirit of our God that anything can be done for the effectual improvement of this benighted and in many cases degraded people

Our committee on education to which was intrusted the concerns of this meeting on behalf of First day Schools for the Scriptural instruction of our own members and others, report increasing interest in the subject. Such schools have been established within the limits of most of our meetings, and in many places it [illegible] evident that the hand of the Lord is in the work

In the fellowship which is not bounded by sea or land we bid you farewell, and remain your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Boyce Clerk

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To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Dublin

Dear Friends

Your acceptable epistle of 5th mo. last has been read in our meeting at this time, and we have been refreshed and edified thereby; and, in, as we feel, a measure of that love which is the bond of fellowship in the Christian church we feel constrained to address you.

Our meeting this year has been well attended; & while

1870. we are made to feel our many deficiencies, we have cause for thankfulness that the Lord has owned and bleſsed his work in this portion of his heritage.

There is, with this, an increasing interest as we believe amongst our members in the welfare & prosperity of our [illegible] and an earnest searching after the truth is manifesting itself amongst us and an increasing freedom in conversation respecting Spiritual things

We are constantly reminded of the uncertainty of time and that our work must be done quickly that we may be truly and fully prepared for the [illegible] & enter with acceptance into that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

The London General Epistle of last year having been read in our midst, made a deep impreſsion upon our minds, and our hearts are moved to rejoice & praise God that He hath been pleased to qualify his devoted servants to the preparation of this valuable eſsay for distribution in all the various Yearly Meetings throughout our land

Our First day Schools for Scriptural instruction, and our conferences of First day school teachers & scholars have been bleſsed of the Lord, as we trust, to the conversion of souls and to the extending of his glorious cause in the earth

The freedmen continue to claim our Christian care & solicitude and we are made to rejoice in the daily aſsurance that the Lord hath bleſsed the labor of our hands in this interesting (and important service

The deplorable condition of the red man of the west during the past year, claimed our serious and careful attention in connection with other questions; & the Executive Committee from our Meeting for Sufferings called together at this time a general meeting of Friends of this Yearly Meeting in which a lively interest was manifested in this long neglected & cruelly treated portion of the human family. Our General Government apparently convinced of the wisdom of our peaceful policy towards this neglected claſs and of our desire to do them good, has already aſsigned to Friends a tract of territory embracing some (33000) Thirty three thousand Indians; and we find that, under the divine bleſsing, the work of improving the condition of this noble race has, thus far, prospered in our hands.

The subject of education has at this time received our careful consideration, and we earnestly desire [illegible] that more thorough systems of instruction in the higher branches of learning may be attained in our Schools & that more complete scriptural & doctrinal instruction may find place there.

We greatly desire that the Lord may be pleased to manifest Himself more & more in our midst, that sinners may be turned from the error of their ways, that vital spiritual religion may abound, that the aged & the middle aged & the tender youth may be united in the fellowship of Christ as the heart & mind of one man to serve the Lord.

Brethren, pray for us, that our faith fail not, that we may enter into the fold of the good Shepherd under the new covenant by and through the blood of Christ, which cleanseth from all sin

And now, dear friends, with the salutation of love, we would bid you an affectionate farewell, desiring that the Lord may bless you in every good word and work.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting;
Samuel [illegible]
Clerk

To New York Yearly Meeting

We salute you as brethren beloved:- and in connection with this, it has been deeply interesting to recur to the origin of our epistolary correspondence between the brotherhood of Yearly Meetings on this continent, which on our part has been maintained upwards of one hundred and sixty years.

This interchange had, we believe, its beginning under the [illegible] influence of Divine love in the hearts of our early predecessors. [illegible] may it be maintained between us. How interesting the thought that this same precious love animates with the zeal of the [illegible] in the [illegible] bearing the burden & heat of the day and cheering the hopes & quickening the steps of the aged pilgrim, who, nearing the end of the race, hears

1870. an interest in, the encouraging voice of sympathy from the fellow travelers in the way, and the echoes of rejoicing from beloved ones who, having finished their course, have gone before, to unite with the redeemed in the ascription of praise "unto our God who sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb"

Your acceptable epistles, of the several months, have been read, and, in view of the claims of the lately enfranchised freedmen and of the aborigines of our country, we are much interested in your systematic efforts in their behalf.

Our Mission at Washington in aid of the freedmen has been sustained the past year, and our schools of 250 children have made commendable progress.

The influence of our simple Home, in the midst of this poor & ignorant class has, we believe been productive of good among them as an example of neatness, order and comfort strongly contrasting with the surroundings of want and suffering in the homes through ignorance, mainly, of the [illegible] principles of domestic life.

The report of our Committee of the Meeting for Sufferings, on behalf of the Indians, acting with similar committees of other Yearly Meetings in this cause, has deeply interested us, and in a large meeting of our members held in the interest of this people our sympathies were deeply enlisted for their improvement.

We desire the [illegible] of those who are engaged in the work, and that as our religious Society has been in some degree set for the defence of this people we may not shrink from the responsibility. May we look to our Heavenly Father for aid in the difficult task before us and go forward in faith that the work of our hands will be established upon us.

We live, dear friends, in an age of great intellectual & [illegible] activity. The abundance [illegible] of the natural resources with which Providence has blessed our country, under the benign influences of freedom, is progressing with unexampled rapidity. The [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in its [illegible], these [illegible] [illegible]. As a consequence having faculties & talents for the skillful management of affairs, become developed and business energy is intensified; — and this especially among the young & those in the prime of physical strength. While we realize the dangers and difficulties of such a position, we have earnestly desired that this class with you & with us, while consecrating all their faculties to the service of our Lord, may employ them to the highest advantage in glorifying the Lord's name and extending the reign of his kingdom on earth. Thus he will cause to inherit substance, and will fill all their treasures

In conclusion, beloved friends, with desires that we may be established & be comforted together by the mutual faith of each other, we bid you, affectionately, farewell

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Boyce Clk

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting

Dear friends

The reading of your acceptable Epistle of 10th Mo. last, with similar tokens of affection & regard from other Yearly Meetings has been strengthening to us, and our dear friends in every land, though widely separated from each other & from us have been brought very near in the bonds of Christian fellowship; and we have felt that we are truly one people, professing one faith, one baptism and one Lord.

A devoted servant of our Divine Master from a foreign land & valued friends from Yearly Meetings on this continent have been our loving companions from sitting to sitting, and they have declared amongst us the unsearchable riches of Christ.

We have been made deeply to feel the great responsibility resting upon this meeting as a branch of the militant church

We have witnessed at this time the cementing influence of our Heavenly Father's love and have been large partakers of his mercies & blessings which can only be realized by those who have found that blessed Savior to be precious in their sight.

The account given by you of your labors for the freedmen and also in North Carolina has been interesting

B. P. to us, and we desire to extend a word of sympathy and encouragement for they are still objects of our regard.

The education of our children, and especially the branch for Scriptural instruction, is receiving our earnest and increased attention and our prayers. The [illegible] have, we trust, been blessed to the rejoicing of many hearts.

May we, dear friends, give him all the praise, who died that we may [illegible], the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world

Our business has been transacted in much unity and condescension. Brethren beloved, we bid you an affectionate farewell

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting
[illegible] Boyce.

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To North Carolina Yearly Meeting
Dear friends

Being again convened in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, we desire thankfully to [illegible] that our hearts have been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in us a [illegible] sense of that great love wherewith he hath loved us & all men every[illegible]

[illegible] with others of the household of Faith, have again been brought to our remembrance and we have felt that it is good to love our brother as ourselves.

It is our prayer that we [illegible], dear brethren, may abide in him the vine so that grace, mercy & peace may abound on every hand

We have, at this time, received and read your acceptable epistle of 11th Mo. last also the one for 1868 which did not come to hand until after the close of our meeting last year. We have also received [illegible] from the Yearly [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Our meeting is well attended, and we are favored with the company of a large number of ministers and other friends from other Yearly Meetings whose gospel labors & Christian counsel have been to our comfort and encouragement, - which we desire to regard as a [illegible] evidence of the [illegible] mercy of Him who is Head over all things to his church.

And our dear young men, many of whom are in attendance of this meeting, are giving proof that they have been made living members of the body which is the church.

The committee having charge of our Boarding School made a satisfactory report; and we are glad to know that yours is in a self-sustaining and prosperous condition; and the committee on Education have reported their doings in behalf of our children and youth. Highly as we value Scriptural instruction, as imparted in First-day schools, it should in no wise be neglected in the family; and no opportunity should be allowed to pass unimproved, in which a love for the Sacred Writings may be instilled into the hearts of our children.

We have held a large meeting in relation to Indian affairs, - this having become as you are well aware an important concern of the Society at large.

Our committee on the concerns of the Freedmen made a satisfactory and interesting report. Our school at Washington has been in successful operation the past year with an attendance of 250 scholars who have made good progress in the several branches taught. The Committee has been continued & encouraged to sustain the school another year.

When we contemplate the wonderful work that has been brought about in our country, the liberation of four millions of people from bondage, the radical change in the organic law of the land, by which God-given rights are secured to a large number of our fellow men we are led to exclaim "The Lord reigneth let the earth rejoice".

In conclusion, we may say that we have rejoiced even unto thankfulness to our Father in heaven, in view of the growth and evident signs of prosperity among you. And so we bid you farewell.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting

Samuel [illegible]
Clerk

1870.

Epistle

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ohio.

Dear friends:

Assembled again in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting we salute you as brethren beloved: and we believe it is the privilege of the children of our [illegible] to feel that their hearts are united by this strong bond of fellowship and love. In this love our feelings are afresh drawn forth toward you, desiring for you as for ourselves that we may all [illegible] firmly settled on ground upon Christ as the only sure foundation and thus be indulging in no hope of acceptance with the Father except through the merits of his atoning sacrifice.

And we have, at this time, a renewed conviction of the entire insufficiency of all outward observances, as such, to enable us in any wise to attain to the condition of adopted children of his, while the heart is yet in a state of nature unchanged by the influence of Divine grace. Neither the nominal acceptance of the tenets of any particular branch of the Christian church, nor any mere outward conformity or uniformity, whatsoever, will avail us, if allowed to take the place of that operation upon the heart which is enforced in the plain declaration of the Savior, "Ye must be born again". This operation lies at the very foundation of all growth in a religious life. Hence it is especially necessary that we submit to the influence of the Holy Spirit upon the heart that we may become living members of the church of Christ.

Your acceptable epistle of 9th Mo. last, together with similar testimonials from dear friends of other Yearly meetings, has been read; and we highly prize this correspondence, believing that it not only stimulates us to endeavor to maintain our proper position as professing Christians but also serves to strengthen the tie which binds us together as brethren of the same household of faith.

The committee upon the concern of this meeting for the relief and elevation of the freed people of color made an interesting report, from which it appears that these late refugees from the degrading effects of slavery are making rapid progress toward a higher social position; and the children in the school under our care at Washington are making very commendabl advancement in intellectual education.

Our hearts have been made glad, at this time, by the company of many dear brethren from other Yearly Meetings, whose earnest exhortations and salutary counsel have been strengthening & encouraging to us, and we desire that we may be stimulated in our Christian course, thereby.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends and brethren

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Boyce
Clerk

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To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

Another year has swiftly passed, and in the love of our Savior, we again salute you

Your acceptable Epistle of 10th Mo. last has been read in this meeting to our comfort & edification; and we are afresh reminded that there is one "fold and one Shepherd," and that however widely separated, outwardly, the cementing love of Christ binds us together in bonds of Christian union and sympathy.

Our meeting has been large, and the increasing interest manifested by our younger members has been a cause of deep thankfulness and rejoicing of our hearts, while their solid deportment and earnest attention manifested are tokens of future usefulness in the work of the Lord.

While reading the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, we were brought into deep exercise on account of the deficiencies noted, and very earnest was the desire felt that a more watchful care might be exercised in these important duties.

The cause of the much wronged red man has been very touchingly presented to us at this time, and the report of our committee on Indian affairs, appointed by our Meeting for Sufferings, has awakened in our hearts fervent desires that the Great Head of the Church would qualify and send forth faithful laborers into this portion of His vineyard.

The report of our committee on the care of the freedmen

1870. Shows the work to be in a very satisfactory condition and it is with feelings of deep thankfulness for the mercies of the past that we enter upon this important work for another year.

Our committee on Education made an interesting report and the subject of a more thorough and complete course of instruction for our youth has taken strong hold of our minds, and while we must not lose the knowledge that fitteth us to take the first place yet we are earnestly made sensible that every talent which our Heavenly Father has intrusted to our care should be improved to his glory. The report from our Boarding School is satisfactory; the number of pupils is large and with feelings of gratitude we note that the past year has been one of unusual health amongst them.

And now, brethren, farewell. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be and abide with you forever.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting

Samuel [illegible]
Clerk

To Western Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

In a measure of that love which binds us as friends do we salute you at this time, while, through the continued mercy of our holy Head, we are again permitted to meet in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting. Realizing our own nothingness and entire dependence upon "him who is the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright and morning star"; fervent have been our supplications that his blessing might rest upon us and that we might be kept in that low and humble condition wherein we might be taught of his ways and be enabled to walk in his paths.

Whilst the usual number of Friends are in attendance of this meeting, and much interest is apparent amongst them. We rejoice that this is largely the case with the younger portion of our members; & earnestly have we desired, at this time, that they may be kept close to their Heavenly Father, and, by a quiet abiding under his preparing hand, be fitted for usefulness in the church & in the world.

We have received epistles from London, Ireland & from brethren on this continent, the reading of which caused us to feel renewed in the [illegible] pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity"; and our hearts have been [illegible] "who [illegible] in the hearts of the children of men," that, if consistent with his [illegible] will, he would hasten the time when the missing link in the chain of epistolary correspondence may be restored.

Many amongst us have been impressed with the weight and greatness of the work to which we are called. As individuals [illegible] and our neighbors, as ourselves. We are called to worship him "in the beauty of holiness", and to glorify his name.

We are called to work out our own souls salvation, and while we are doing our own work, we are called to help & encourage others in their work, and so become one another's helpers and joy in the Lord. We are all called, ministers, elders, overseers and every friend who is concerned for his own soul's good, to labor for the extension of righteousness in the earth.

The love of Christ has constrained faithful laborers from other Yearly Meetings to mingle with us in this our annual meeting. Their labors of love have been to our edification and comfort. And while we have experienced the [illegible] us, we have desired that the great Head of the church would [illegible] his spirit upon them, that he would sanctify and qualify them for every good word & work that they may go [illegible] publish the glad tidings of salvation far & wide.

Friends of this Yearly Meeting are becoming increasingly interested [illegible] in the spirit of Christ.

[illegible] nation, neither learning war any more. With the salutation of love [illegible].

1870 To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends:

Your welcome epistle of 9th mo. last [illegible] was received and read in our meeting with much interest. This renewal of communication [illegible] and tends to strengthen that bond of Christian love and sympathy which should ever characterize the followers of Christ. In this way we are able not only to encourage one another as laborers in the Lord's vineyard but to build each other up on "our most holy faith". And may we continue, as we have opportunity to follow the example of such as feared the Lord in ancient times, to speak often one to another, concerning things pertaining to the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men.

We notice, with much interest, your allusion to your spiritual health & your grateful acknowledgement that an increase of vital Christianity is apparent among you. We too can speak of greater dedication [illegible] among us; and, while we feel, at times, discouraged by the fewness of our numbers, we can also respond to your words of cheer that our Lord has given us renewed assurances of His love in our borders, drawing many, especially among the young, to more entire consecration to Him.

We sympathize strongly with you, in your efforts for the improvement of the condition of the freedmen & [illegible] the Indians [illegible]. [illegible] our society may not shrink from the responsibility which we believe Divine Providence has laid upon it in connection with the [illegible] among us; — and although difficulties may appear in the way of a faithful discharge of duty to the red man, yet we believe that Divine Help will be afforded as we humbly seek for it.

The cause of Scriptural instruction among us has [illegible] during the past year. [illegible] teachers; and some of [illegible] of the coming of our Blessed Saviour and the way of salvation by him, have been led to yield more fully to the constraining influence of his love and to walk more carefully in this same good way.

An account given in a joint session of men and women, by our friends Eli & Sybil Jones, of their extended missionary journey in Eastern lands, was deeply interesting & encouraging to us: and our hearts were lifted in thankfulness to our Heavenly Father that he had so largely blessed the labor to which he had called them.

Desiring your encouragement in every good word & work, and that you and we may be found "stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord", we bid you, affectionately farewell.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Boyce
Clerk

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To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

Under a renewed sense of the loving kindness of our Heavenly Father in again permitting us to meet in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, and in view of the many evidences of his love, we salute you as brethren.

Being assembled at this time for the worship of God & for the transaction of the affairs of the church, our hearts have been lifted in fervent prayer to him who has promised to own & bless all those who meet in his name; and a fresh evidence has been given that his promises fail not: and under a realizing sense of our responsibilities as professed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are impressed with the necessity of laboring diligently in his vineyard, remembering that the night cometh when no man can work.

Our duty as followers of the Savior is clearly set forth in the words of the Apostle when addressing his Hebrew brethren "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

By the reading of epistles from other Yearly Meetings, yours among the number, we have been brought near together in the fellowship of the gospel & made to realize that truly "One is our Master, even Christ, and all we are

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May we we unite in that spirit of brotherly love by which we may know that we are his disciples".

We are made to rejoice at the manifestations of increased interest among our younger members, many of whom are in attendance at this time. We deem it incumbent upon us to nourish these tender plants through that ability which God giveth, - realizing that ere long, the responsibilities of the church will rest upon them.

Our committee having charge of the freedmen's mission at Washington have presented an interesting and instructive report; and the committee entrusted with the management of the Boarding School at Providence report that institution to be in a flourishing condition

The subject of Education has largely engaged our attention, and an increasing interest is manifested especially in scriptural instruction.

The establishment of First Day Schools continues to claim our serious consideration

Our Yearly Meeting, at this time, is well attended

And "now brethren unto him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever, Amen.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Boyce
Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends, in Norway

Dear friends

Our brethren of Great Britain, Ireland and upon this continent have at this time been brought to our remembrance in the reading of satisfactory epistles from their respective Yearly Meetings. We have earnestly desired that, everywhere, grace, mercy and peace, may abound through our Lord Jesus Christ - that his dominion may spread from sea to sea & all the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of God & of his Christ.

Whilst thus engaged before the Lord, we have also remembered you, dear brethren & sisters, resident in the kingdom of Norway & Sweden. We have heard of your faith and labour of love in the Lord & do rejoice that he "who made of one blood all nations of men to dwell upon the face of the whole earth" hath been pleased through the Holy Spirit to turn many from darkness to light, from a dependence upon forms and ceremonies & from all externals, to Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life, and by whom, alone we have access to the Father.

With hearts warmed by love, we extend to you, across the great waters, our hand, in Christian fellowship, accompanied by the prayer, that he who in all ages hath led his people through dangers seen & unseen, may shield you and us from the assaults of an unwearied enemy, grant us pardon for our sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith in whom we are justified, sanctified and have complete redemption. As we submit to the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts we shall grow in grace and in the knowledge that maketh wise unto salvation: first as the blade, then the ear, & finally the ripened corn ready for the garner.

The disciple of our Lord may be animated under all circumstances to go forward in the work of his day, earnestly pressing towards the mark for the prize when he remembers that the declaration of his glorious leader stands, even this "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world".

We have, at this our Annual Assembly, the company of our beloved friend Isaac Robson from England, who has come amongst us preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ. Lindley M. Hoag of the State of Iowa, is also in attendance whose visit to your land, some years since, with our late beloved friend James Backhouse of England, is, we trust, still fresh in your remembrance, of whose health and continued dedication to his Lord you will be glad to hear. Eli & Sybil Jones now recently returned from Europe, are likewise here, who have told us most feelingly of your faith, having borne witness to your love & charity. These and other friends from each of our American Yearly Meetings have greatly cheered our hearts by their presence and messages of Gospel love. Finally brethren, farewell: and may the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever & ever. Amen."

"Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting Samuel

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At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing at Newport on 7th day the 10th of 6th month 1871.

By reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting, viz.:

From Rhode Island, - Prez Peck, Abm Slade, Wm Sherman, Thomas Harkness, Joseph Cartland, Stephen Chase, George S. Gould, Obadiah Chase Gideon C. Smith, Wm A. Robinson, Peter H. Collins, George Anthony & Philip J. Tripp.

From Salem, - John H. Crossman, Thomas Folsom, William A. Brown, Moses F. Rogers, Josiah D. Challis, Wm O. Newhall, Stephen Beede, Joshua Buxton Jr. and Moses Sawyer.

From Sandwich, - Edward W. Dillingham, Isaac R. Gifford Rufus Sherman, Joseph Grinnell, Joseph W. Dillingham, Josiah Holmes Jr. David K. Akin, James S. Congdon, William S. Wing, William F. Macomber, Arnold Gifford, Samuel Rodman

From Falmouth, - Abraham Winslow, Charles Nichols (Oliver Robinson), Samuel Jones, Franklin Stevens, Cyrus Cartland, Hubert Goddard, Stephen Cartland, Nathaniel Hawkes, & George Douglass.

From Smithfield, - John Milton Earle, Thomas Brown Jonathan H. Westcott, Abel C. Munroe, James G. Arnold, Thomas A. Wheeler & Edward Earle.

From Vassalboro, - Thomas B. Nichols, John D. Lang, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Charles B. Cates, William Taber, Jonathan Estes, Josiah Philbrook, James Hussey.

From Dover, - William Penn Tuttle, Edward Breed Timothy B. Hussey, Jacob H. Purinton,

From Fairfield, - Joseph Taylor, Samuel Taylor, Isaac Farr, George Richardson, Henry Winslow, Joseph Winslow.

On the call of the names, it is found all are present except six; for the absence of four, sufficient reasons were given.

We have, at this time, the acceptable company of our beloved friends Phebe Ann Sands, Hannah S. Fry and Sarah W. Congdon from New York Yearly Meeting; James Owen from Baltimore Yearly Meeting; Jeremiah A. Grinnell from North Carolina Yearly Meeting, Esther Griffin, Elizabeth L. Comstock, Sarah E. Jenkins, Sarah Gidley and Edward C. Young from Ohio Yearly Meeting; [illegible] Campbell and Allen Terrell from Indiana Yearly Meeting; Joel Bean from Iowa Yearly Meeting; and Adam Spencer from Canada Yearly Meeting; who have produced testimonials from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their prospect of religious engagements amongst us.

We have, also, at this meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friends, William H. Sands, an elder, companion to his wife Phebe Ann Sands; Catharine L. Tilden, companion to Hannah S. Fry; William Gidley, companion to his wife Sarah Gidley; Joseph [illegible] Grinnell, companion to his father Jeremiah A. Grinnell; Amos Griffith, an elder, companion to his wife Esther Griffith; John T. Comstock, companion to his wife Elizabeth L. Comstock; George K. Jenkins, companion to his wife Sarah E. Jenkins; and Elizabeth H. Young accompanying her husband, Edward C. Young; who have produced certificates from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them in their present engagements.

Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada, and one from Friends in Kansas, have at this time been received. In the reading of these, our Friends of other Yearly Meetings have been brought near to us in the love of the gospel, and we appoint George Howland Jr, Edward Earle, William C. Taber, Charles A. Tucker, Charles R. Coles, Henry T. Wood, Jacob H. [illegible], Joseph Cartland, Edwin [illegible] Goddard, × Samuel Jones, [illegible] R. Buffinton, Benjamin H. Jones, George Richardson, David W. Akin, Alfred H. Jones, Charles M. Bailey, Charles Chase, David Swift, Thomas B. Nichols, William H. Brown, Moses Bailey, John Milton Earle, Timothy B. Hussey, Job Ward, Richard Batty, William A. Robinson, & Josiah Holmes, jr. to prepare, as way may open for it, essays of Epistles to all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond

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1871. and present them at a future meeting.

By the reports from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Catharine [illegible] and Cynthia [illegible], and with Swansey Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Susan Ann Gifford.

That Mary Williams, an Elder, a member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting deceased 3d mo. 11th 1871. aged seventy six years, and

that Gilbert Congdon, a minister, a member of Providence Monthly Meeting, deceased 3d mo. 11th 1871, aged fifty nine years, 8 months, 22 days.

Salem Quarterly Meeting informs that they have united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abby H. Pratt, Lydia B. Coe and Mahala G. Jones to the station of elder.

That Salem Monthly Meeting has established a meeting for worship in Boston to be held on First and Fourth days in the rooms of the "Young Men's Christian Association", on Tremont St.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting informs that Lois B. Gifford, a minister, a member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, deceased 1st mo. 8th 1871, aged forty seven years 9 mos, and 9 days; that Susan Gifford, an elder, a member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting died 12th mo. 9th 1870 aged seventy seven years and 7 months.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with Windham Monthly Meeting in appointing Nathaniel Pope, Esther Nichols and Juliette P. to the station of elder, also in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Elijah Cook; with Limington Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift & approving the public ministry of Silas H. Hartford; and with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Newman Andrews and appointing Mary D. Goddard to the station of elder.

That meeting also informs that Lydia Winslow, an elder, a member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting died 4th mo. 29th 1871. aged seventy seven years, 10 months & 22 days.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ann H. Collon to the station of elder.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John C. Varney and Mary D. Winslow to the station of Elder, that Elisha Jones, a minister, a member of China Monthly Meeting, deceased 2d mo. 10th 1871, aged eighty five years, one mo, 5 days; that Deborah B. Warren, an elder, a member of Unity Monthly Meeting died on the 8 of 11th Mo. 1870, aged eighty four years, and that Mary Mary H. Brown, an Elder, a member of the same meeting, died 5th Mo. 9th 1870, aged 71 years, 10 mos, 12 days.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting informs that they have united with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of David Douglass.

Communications have at this time been received from the [illegible] Baptist Society, through their Pastor [illegible] Howard Malcolm, and from James D. Seabury, their clerk, & also a communication from the Thames St. Methodist Episcopal Church, through W. C. Jewett, their Secretary, offering the use of their meeting houses in this place for Friends to hold meetings for worship tomorrow.

This meeting gratefully accepts the offer, and we view it as an evidence of the Christian kindness and regard of those parties; and George Bowen is directed to furnish them copies of this minute signed by our clerk.

We appoint our friends Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, George Howland, Jr., John H. Crossman and George Bowen a committee to make the necessary arrangements as to the times & places of meeting for the several committees appointed on the business of the Yearly Meeting, during the sittings thereof.

Adjourned, to meet again this afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

Afternoon.— Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

John Milton Earle, on behalf of the Representatives, reports that they have conferred together and are united in proposing Charles R. Tucker for clerk, & William O. Newhall for assistant clerk; which being approved by the meeting, they are accordingly appointed to those services for [illegible]

1871. We have at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Deborah C. Thomas, with a minute of concurrence from Baltimore Monthly Meeting. We have, also the acceptable company of [illegible] companion [illegible] James C. Thomas, with a minute of concurrence from Baltim Monthly Meeting.

The Records of our last Yearly Meeting were read.

We appoint Thomas Harkness, William A. Brown, George Harlan, George Douglass, Richard Bailey, Charles B. Cates, Albert C. Buff and Moses Bailey to audit and settle the treasurer's ac and to propose a sum of money sufficient to defray t expenses of the Yearly Meeting for the ensuing year; they are also directed to propose the name of a Friend for treasurer and report at a future sitting.

We appoint [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Cates, [illegible], Timothy B. Hussey and Isaac Winslow to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries and present the sa at our next sitting.

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting [illegible] the time of holding their Quarterly Meeting of ministers & elders in the 8th month be changed from three to 2 o'clock in the afternoon, which is united with by this meeting.

All our Quarterly Meetings that they have paid, or ordered to be paid, their respective proportions of stock called for last year.

Adjourned to [illegible] morning [illegible]

Second day morning. The meeting [illegible] according to adjournment.

The representatives [illegible]; satisfactory reasons given for the absence of four.

The meeting now proceeded, as we trust under a solemn covering of good, to the consideration of the state of Society by reading the Queries and [illegible] presented by the several Quarterly Meetings, & [illegible] the first query with its answers adjourned to [illegible] o'clock this afternoon.

[illegible]

The meeting then proceeded in reading the other Queries and Answers.

During the consideration of this important subject,

our hearts were closely cemented together in the Savior's love
our Master by his presence and [illegible]
qualifying his servants to speak in his name! We were tenderly and affectionately exhorted to be more faithful in attending all our religious meetings, and were encouraged when prevented by illness or inclement weather, to call our families together to wait upon him who has promised to be with the two or three gathered in his name; thus an increase of strength will be witnessed & a growth in his love and grace experienced, which will qualify us to labor availingly in his blessed cause, and our small meetings and the church, we trust, will be built up in his most holy faith & become instrumental in the Lord's hand to show forth his praise.

The query arose, Is there not something due from this meeting to our small subordinate ones, cannot help be handed forth by committees or in some other way for their encouragement and growth whereby Friends may consecrate themselves afresh to the Master's service and thereby bring forth fruit under his qualifying hand; by speaking to our friends and neighbors of God's goodness and the richness of his love and grace, inviting them, meeting them kindly with words of sympathy and encouragement, going to their homes, seeking earnestly for a qualification to speak to them in our Savior's name in relation to the salvation of their immortal souls, even going into the saloons & bar-rooms, leaving the ninety and nine and seeking for the lost sheep that he may be gathered into the fold? Our young brothers were encouraged to sow the good seed; to "sow beside all waters," Instances were brought to view of individual work being largely blessed. We were exhorted to let this be a practical engagement and in so doing we should manifest to others our unshaken confidence and faith in our blessed Lord.

Tenderly was the subject of sleeping in our meetings referred to, and Friends were encouraged to watch over one another in love with brotherly care, even unto prayer; that, abiding in the living Vine we might overcome our own weakness; - even be permitted largely to enjoy the blessed sense of the Lord's presence when assembled in his worship, & in the [illegible].

So shall we be his disciples

1871. The importance of reading the Holy Scriptures, in order to gain a knowledge of the vital truths contained in them was largely dwelt upon in language of encourage[illegible] and the necessity of greater faith in our Heavenly Fa[illegible] and in his written word was set forth in tender love.

The great evil of intemperance is so prevalent in our Land, many afflicting cases of the improper use of spirituous liquors, being reported in the answers from our Quarterly Meetings, we were invited to earnestly labor with such in the spirit of restoring love, and in the name of [illegible] let his [illegible] be known.

The injurious effects of the use of tobacco, tending as it does, to promote intemperance, was feelingly alluded to by concerned Friends, and we were affec[illegible] invited to discontinue its use, and to labor with all who in this [illegible] are addicted to that habit.

Summary

Ans. 1. All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been attended the past year except forty seven sessions in our small meetings which were mostly omitted on account of [illegible]. Generally attended by most of our members. Midweek meetings & meetings for discipline are frequently neglected by a considerable number. The hour is nearly observed. Generally clear of unbecoming behavior, except a few instances of sleeping which are reported in each account. Some care taken.

Ans. 2d Love & unity are maintained, with a few exceptions. Friends are generally careful to guard against detraction. A good degree of care appears to have been taken to end differences.

3d Care is taken by most Friends to train up those under their care in conformity to the Query, & they endeavor, themselves to set good examples. The practice of frequently reading the Holy Scriptures, we believe, is observed in [illegible] families.

4th. The improper use of spirituous liquors is avoided, excepting in eight cases as reported. Generally clear as to the other parts of this Query except a few instances of [illegible] inconsistent with our Christian profession. Some care has been extended.

5th. The necessities of the poor are attended to. Friends appear

6th Friends are not all so careful in regard to proceedings with respect to marriage as the Discipline requires. A few cases are reported of marrying out of the order of Society. Some care taken.

7th We believe Friends are careful to maintain their testimony in the several parts of this query, except in a few instances of contribution to a [illegible] [illegible] and in cases of a military nature and one instance of the appearance of a violation of our testimony in regard to the payment of duties which are under notice.

8th Friends are careful in the several parts of this query, with a few exceptions reported by three meetings. Some care taken.

9th [illegible] care [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], a few [illegible], [illegible] certificates are reported, which are mostly under notice.

10th Care has, we trust, been taken to deal with offenders, as queried after and to place judgement according to discipline, although delay as to timely dealing is reported in some of the answers.

The following communication [illegible] attached to the epistle from Western Yearly Meeting being read we appoint David Binford, [illegible] Boyce, William Wilson, John L. [illegible], John [illegible] Cable, [illegible] [illegible], Joseph Cartland, William H. Robinson, [illegible] Cate, Stephen Jones, [illegible] [illegible], Joseph [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] to unite with a similar committee of women friends to take the subject under careful consideration and report their judgment to a future sitting, viz.

"This meeting has been introduced into a desire for a more perfect union among the different Yearly Meetings in Europe & America.

There are many departments of Christian labor of common interest that call for united counsel. Some of these are, the education of our youth, the publication of books & tracts and the general diffusion of knowledge by the press, the civilization and Christianization of the Indian tribes and of missionary work at home and in foreign lands of the distribution of the Holy Scriptures at home & abroad the more practical & effectual [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] of peace by Christian professors & by civilized nations and the determination of such questions as may be of common interest and concern the general welfare".

1871. "We apprehend that a General Council composed of representatives appointed by the several Yearly Meetings would have a harmonizing and uniting effect upon our Society and render the whole and its parts more mutually supportive of each other, whose conclusions & recommendations shall only be advisory in their nature.

Should this proposition meet with general approval, we would suggest that the first meeting be held in the city of New York on Second day after the close of Canada Yearly Meeting in the year 1872

We desire that the Divine will may influence and control our counsels in the determination of this important measure, and that what is done may hasten the work of our common Lord and Saviour, [illegible] in the earth.

The correspondents were directed to forward a copy of the above minute to each of the Yearly Meetings in connection with [illegible]."

Acceptable minutes were read for our friends Elizabeth R. Haviland of New York who accompanies our friend Sarah W. Congdon and a minute of membership from Wilmington Monthly Meeting, Ohio, on behalf of John [illegible]

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning in joint session with our Women Friends in the other part of the house.

Third Day Morning the 13th The meeting convened in joint session pursuant to adjournment

The committee appointed in 1868 upon the revision of our Book of Discipline presented the following report viz:

The joint committee appointed in 1868 to revise the Book of Discipline have given careful attention to the subject which involved much time and labor; a different arrangement of the book having been early agreed upon as desirable.

A statement of the fundamental belief and doctrines of our Society is first introduced which is followed by the rules on Christian practice, embracing, in substance, those [illegible] from time to time issued by the [illegible]. The rules which have appeared necessary in the administration of the Discipline are then

We trust the system proposed is in accordance with the principles which have ever been maintained by our religious Society and is founded upon the doctrines & precepts of the New Testament

The [illegible] desire has, we believe, been [illegible] with the Committee to seek for best help in the perform ance of this important duty, and the result of our labor is [illegible] may prove satisfactory to Friends.

Penport, 6mo. 10th. 1871

Charles Taber }
Henry T. Wood } Clerks
Ann B. Earle }

Read and accepted; and the meeting united in di- [illegible] be read through without any comment being made during the reading, which was then commenced, & continued until the usual time to adjourn

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon

Afternoon, - Friends assembled according to adjournment [illegible] to form the revision of our Book of Discipline

Adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning

Fourth day morning, the 14th. - The meeting again assembled in joint session.

The reading of the proposed articles to constitute a revised Book of Discipline was finished. [illegible] of the [illegible].

The labor and attention given by the Committee to this work, which has been arduous, is [illegible] upon the subject, freely expressed, [illegible] them to make such [illegible] as in their judgment [illegible] accomplish the concern of

1871. this meeting, and then to cause an edition of [illegible] hundred copies to be printed in pamphlet form and sent down to our Monthly Meetings for distribution as soon as practicable, in order that all Friends may have an opportunity to examine the work and make any suggestions [illegible] desire to the committee, which they are encouraged to be prompt in doing. [illegible] Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to meet in Separate Session this P.M. at 4 o'c

Afternoon, - Friends assembled according [illegible]

The Representatives being called, were [illegible] except six.

At this sitting the Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland held in Dublin, of the present year, was received and read, which bringing our dear friends of that Yearly Meeting very near to us in Christian fellowship. Their loving words & earnest appeals for the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord are encouraging to us. They enclosed a printed [illegible] of a minute adopted by their meeting on the subject of peace, which was read and directed to be appended to our printed minutes

The report of the Committee having charge of [illegible] Boarding school was received and read, & being satisfactory to the meeting it was approved, & is as foll

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence report that they have given attention to the duties assigned them and can state that the s[illegible] has prospered during the past year in no ordinary [illegible] to promote the best interests of the pupils and of the establishment have prevailed among the officers; discipline has been well maintained and the d[illegible] [illegible] been satisfactory

Although they can ackn[illegible] [illegible] prevailed during the year, yet no case of severe illness occurred during the fall term, which resulted fatally. It was thus reported by the Principal. "John Clapp Hussey, son of the late [illegible] Hussey of [illegible] died on the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Much sympathy was felt with the stricken [illegible] mother, who, in the keenness of her anguish, could yet say, 'He doeth all things well'"

In a minute made at a subsequent meeting, the committee add "While we sympathize with the bereaved mother, we can also rejoice that another loved one has been added to the redeemed in heaven".

The number of pupils during the Autumn term, was one hundred seventy nine, viz.: one hundred nine boys, and seventy one girls.

The officers of the School during the past year have been: Albert K. Smiley, principal; Alfred H. Smiley, principal of the female department; John F. Rowell, Thomas J. Battey, Bessie T. Wing, Martha L. Read and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches; Daniel A. Mansfield, teacher of Mathematics, Charles H. Gates teacher of Music; Catharine M. Austin, teacher of drawing and painting. Henry Wood was employed as teacher of Latin, Greek & German during the first half year, but was under the necessity of leaving on account of ill health. During the second half year the following additional teachers have been employed viz.; Lorenzo Williams, teacher of Latin; Karl Ernst, teacher of German; and John H. Blanchard teacher of Greek.

The pupils and family continue to attend the meetings for worship held in Providence on First-day mornings and in the middle of the week. On First day afternoons Scripture lessons are given to the whole School. Portions of Scripture are daily read to the assembled School in each department, at the breakfast table, and also at the evening collections.

Owing to the necessity of presenting a statement of the finances of the School before the end of the term, the account rendered to the Yearly Meeting is necessarily imperfect, and we have

1871. move to report that the net earnings made up to the end of the School year 6th mo. 28th 1870, as ascertained by the auditing committee was $ $6.347\frac{55}{100}$, reducing the school debt at that time to $ $4.520\frac{71}{100}$.

The estimated earnings of the school to the end of the present term, as now reported to us, will exceed its expenses, including interest paid and necessary annual repairs, by the sum of —— $5215.

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| Less paid cost of apparatus for extinguishing fires | $514.14 | |
| Less pd for grant-work, &c. on School buildings | 329.20 | $843.34 |
| Balance of earnings, less improvements | | $4371.66 |
| School debt 6th mo. 1870 | | $4520.71 |
| School debt 6th mo. 1871 | | $147.05 |

The auditing committee have also presented a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the School Fund and of the Charitable Fund, including the E. Metcalf & other donations, which are as follows;

School Fund.

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| Balance in hands of Treasurer 5mo. 30. 1870 | $19.87 |
| Income of the fund | 7069.27 |
| Insurance premiums returned | 165.60 |
| | $7254.74 |

Payments

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| Insurance premiums paid | $301.85 |
| B. & S. S. Lapham, fees in case of Lloyd St. lay-out | - 60. |
| Paid Wm A. Robinson copy of deeds - | - 3.00 |
| Paid A. W. Smith, per receipts, - | 6872.83 |
| Balance in hands of Treasurer | 17.06 |
| | $7254.74 |

Charitable Funds of E. Metcalf and other donations

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| Balance in hands of Treasurer 5th Mo. 30th 1870. | | $960.87 |
| Income of the funds | | 2528.86 |
| | | $3489.73 |
| Paid School bills | $2280. | |
| Balance on hand | 1209.73 | |
| | | $3.489.73 |

The income from the above fund will probably warrant the admission of twenty scholars the ensuing year.

Approximate Statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Boarding School for the year ending 6th Mo. 25th 1870.

## Receipts

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| Tuition, Autumn term | $18500. | |
| " Spring " | 18780. | |
| From the fund, deducting insurance | 6831.45 | |
| | | $44111.45 |

## Expenditures

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| Salaries | $16072.05 | |
| Wages | 3954. | |
| Provisions | 10707.16 | |
| Repairs | 3255.45 | |
| Fuel $2061 34/100, Light $907.65 | 2968.99 | |
| Library | 180.13 | |
| Incidentals | 663.09 | |
| Profits | 6347.55 | |
| | | $44111.45 |

The apartments allotted to the girls having been so materially and satisfactorily improved, the attention of the Committee has been turned to the great necessity of similar alterations for the better accommodations of the boys. Their sleeping apartments are very insufficient and badly arranged for their comfort and for the convenience of those who have the care of them. Many of the rooms are unsuitable and all are wanting in many of the appliances that are considered necessary in similar establishments

A larger and better ventilated school-room for the boys is much wanted and may be set down as essential to the welfare of teachers and pupils. The present room will not seat all the boys now in attendance! Additional class-rooms are also needed.

The three dining-rooms used by the scholars are crowded, and increased room for this purpose would add largely to the comfort of the pupils and family. Additional and more suitable rooms ought to be supplied for the domestics and workmen on the premises

To effect these objects we would recommend, that the Committee that may be appointed to have charge of the School, the ensuing year, be authorized, when

1871. the necessary funds can be obtained, to make such im-
provements as are evidently needed by an addition to the
present building and such alterations in the present
arrangements as in their judgement will promote the
welfare and best interests of the institution.

Since our last report, a street has been laid out by
the city authorities of Providence through the northwest
part of the school premises on land purchased of the
heirs of [illegible], occupying about 45000 square
feet for which an award has been made to the Yearly
Meeting of $3000; and the committee have been informed
that the "Water Commissioners of Providence" are desirous
of obtaining a triangular piece of land cut off from
the school farm by the street above mentioned contain-
ing 70931 square feet, (about 1 5/8 acre) Owing to its
shape and situation between two streets this lot would
be expensive to enclose and inconvenient to cultivate
and the committee therefore suggest the propriety of
disposing of it and applying the proceeds for the bene-
fit of the institution, believing that by so doing the
best interest of the school with respect to the present
generation of scholars will be materially promoted
as well as the welfare of all connected with the establish-
ment. It is proposed that the charge for board and
tuition, the ensuing school year of forty weeks be
as follows

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| For members of our Yearly Meeting | $100. |
| For " of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or for scholars sent at the expense of Friends | $ 150 |
| For all others who may be admitted | " $ 300 |

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one
years instruction in Latin, French, German or Drawing.
One half payable at the commencement of the year and
one half at the opening after recess.

[illegible] by direction of the committee
Wm C. Taber, clerk

N.B. The present school year opened 9mo. 4. 1871; closes 1mo. 24. 1872.
The Winter recess " 1st. 24 "; " 2d. 7. 1872.
The Spring term " 2d. 7. 1872; " 6th 26. 1872.

Regulations of the School Committee. — Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half year only when application is made therefor at the time of entrance. The Committee earnestly desire that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half year, may be as small as possible, as in the arrangement of classes & studies, reference is made principally to those who remain through the year, constituting as they do a large majority of the scholars, and it will therefore happen that those who remain but half the term will receive much less than a proportional share of advantage.

Application for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the third of eighth month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation should apply at the time above specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits, and literary acquirements of the applicants.

Applications for admission should be made to the Principal. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R.I.

And the committee appointed last year, with the exception of our late dear Friend, Gilbert Congdon, deceased, and with the addition of Edward W. Howland, are appointed, in connection with a committee of Women Friends to have the charge and oversight of that institution for the year ensuing, and they are encouraged to labor for the advancement of the objects for which it was established. And the said committee are empowered and authorized to make such additions to, and alterations and improvements in the school buildings as in their judgement will best promote the advantages of that school, as suggested in the above report; and they are also authorized to contract with the city of Providence, or with any other party, for the sale of about one and five-eighths acres of land separated from the school premises by the recent extension & laying out of Thayer

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&c., it being a portion of the land purchased by this Yearly Meeting of the heirs of the late Thomas G. Healey; and Sidon C. Smith, Treasurer of New England Yearly Meeting or his successor in that office, is hereby authorized and directed to make and execute a good and sufficient deed of conveyance, and to sign the same in behalf of the said Yearly Meeting, affixing his seal as the seal of the meeting, when the said School committee shall, in writing, request him so to convey said land, at one of the meetings of said School committee, signed by their clerk. And the said school committee are cautioned against making a large outlay before the funds are provided to meet the expenses incurred

Thomas Harkness is re-appointed treasurer of the School fund for one year.

Committee, David Buffum, William C. [illegible], Charles W. [illegible], Edward [illegible], Samuel [illegible], William [illegible], Wm. H. Robinson, [illegible] Smith, Moses Bailey, Samuel Boyce, Charles F. Tucker, Charles [illegible], Richard Batty, George Howland, Jr., Charles Taber & Edward W. Howland.

Womens Committee. Sarah F. Tobey, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary C. Hawkes, Anna K. Colton, Rachel B. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] W. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] Robinson, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] F. Tucker, Anna T. Dennis, Gulielma W. Howland, Phebe [illegible] Gifford, Sophia D. Bailey, [illegible]

The Committee appointed last year to consider the propriety of taking the care of the Bible & Tract Association under the care of this Yearly Meeting, submitted the following report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee to consider the propriety of taking the Bible and Tract Association under the care of the Yearly Meeting report:

That they have considered the subject. The committee are impressed with the usefulness of these Associations under their present organization.

They commend them to the cordial support & sympathy of Friends, but they are united in proposing that no change be made at the present time.

(On behalf of the Committee

Newport 6th mo. 14. 1871. [illegible]

Which being read was considered and accepted; and this work being one of great importance and Friends are encouraged to improve every right opening for its advancement.

The joint committee appointed on the 12th inst. to whom was referred the proposition from Western Yearly Meeting for all the Yearly Meetings to meet in joint Session by their representatives in New York in 1872, reported as follows, viz.:

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee to which was referred the proposition from Western Yearly Meeting have considered the subject, and report:

That they are united in recommending to the Yearly Meeting to concur in the proposition of Western Yearly Meeting for a conference, provided the other Yearly Meetings unite in the arrangement [illegible] that the consideration of the subject be referred to our next Yearly Meeting.

For the committee

Newport 6 mo. 13. 1871. George Howland, Jr.

which is adopted by us.

Adjourned to three o'clock ~~to~~morrow P. M.

Afternoon — Friends again assembled

The Representatives being called were present except six.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were now read, and the attention given by that meeting to the various concerns which have come before them is satisfactory to us and their doings are approved by this meeting. The Friends who composed that meeting the past year — with the exception of Gilbert Congdon, deceased — are appointed to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year to act, in our behalf, in such matters as may claim their attention, according to our discipline, viz.: David Buffum,

1871 Samuel Boyce, William C. Taber, Thomas Hartness, John D. Lang, Charles R. Tucker, Henry T. Wood, Charles M. Bailey, Edward Earle, Edward W. Howland, Timothy Hanson, Calvin S. Goddard, Charles F. Coffin, George Bowen, Reuben S. Jones, Josiah [illegible] Jr., Perez Peck, Moses Sawyer, David K. Akin, William A. Robinson, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Tobias Meader, Richard Batty, Moses Bailey, Samuel Jones, Abel C. [illegible], Joseph Cartland, Matthew [illegible], John Wood, Rowland Hazard, [illegible] [illegible], George Howland, Jr., Stephen Chase, William [illegible], William H. [illegible], Timothy B. Hussey, William A. Brown, Samuel H. Colton

We have received at this time an acceptable Epistle from London Yearly Meeting, dated last month, during the reading of which our hearts were tenderly re-freshed in believing that we and they are brethren of the same household of faith. We refer the same to the committee on correspondence. The Committee having charge of the concern of this meeting for the freed people of color presented their Seventh Annual Report viz: To the Yearly Mtg: The committee under appointment to promote efforts for the relief and improvement of the freed people of color present their Seventh Annual Report:

The School at Washington was reopened on the fifth day of the ninth month 1870, under the care of our esteemed friends John C. and Hannah Dow as Superintendents and Hannah [illegible] as Principal assisted by Mary E. Jenkins, Elizabeth [illegible] Nichols, Abby T. Phillips, [illegible] [illegible], Susan [illegible] and Sarah E. Hall. We take pleasure in bearing our testimony to the faithful labors of these, our Superintendents and Teachers. They have all felt that there was a work for each to do, for the present and future good of those entrusted to their care and have [illegible] and conscientiously endeavored to perform it.

John C. and Hannah Dow remained at Washington during the summer and their excellent care kept the Mission premises in such good order that the school could be commenced punctually and the work of organization accomplished with very little trouble.

In this respect our School proved to be quite in advance of the others. The school opened with 165 scholars, and increased to 215 in the third day. The whole number of Scholars was 369, between the ages of six and eighteen. Average daily attendance in one room 97 per ct., and in neither room did it fall below 90 per cent. The trustees of colored schools have furnished three of our School rooms with new seats & desks.

As the Mission has continued its labors from year to year the character of the work has materially changed; though its object remains the same - the education of the freed people.

At the commencement they had just come up out of slavery, hungry, naked and ignorant. they had nothing and knew not how to obtain anything. Having always depended on others, they were almost entirely ignorant of their duties as free men and women. First, they were clothed and fed, then instructed in sewing and other industrial pursuits. they put up for themselves little huts, collected a few articles of furniture and thus began a new life. How well they have succeeded, how rapidly improved, is an oft-told story, well known to us all. The School, which has been the principal object of our labors during the last four years, has shown marked progress. The children have indeed shown that they are capable of learning. But while they have improved physically, intellectually and morally they have been exposed to the small evils incident to city life, into which, in their ignorance & simplicity, they were easily led. Then, too, some of them are beginning to feel self-satisfied; they compare themselves with their parents and friends, and think they are very learned. To restrain and guide in the one case, to correct and incite to higher and better attainments in the other, has been the care of our Superintendents and teachers.

Our pupils are, many of them from the lowest and most destitute families, and generally from our immediate neighborhood, although six boys and three girls come from a distance of three miles. These are among our most orderly and industrious scholars; one of them came to the school one winter's morning, when the snow was a foot deep and still falling thickly. Some, however, are from good families; their parents preferred putting them under our care, and we gladly accepted them; one we propose to educate for a teacher in the Normal

1871. Department of Howard University. The two young women already at the University, assisted from our Normal Fund, are giving entire satisfaction to their teachers. The elder sister will be able to graduate in the sixth month; the younger will require one year more.

In a letter received from one of these girls, she expresses the humble and grateful thanks of her father, sister & herself to the friends who have so kindly assisted them.

Our First-day School has continued about the sam in number as last year, with the continued kin assistance of young men connected with the Treasury Department and others. We have an interesting school, and trust that the seed has fallen on good ground and will bring forth fruit. Our Library has been increased through the efforts of Hannah S. [illegible], our Principal, to two hundred volumes, which are loaned to the scholars, who read & return them quite promptly, and we have been well supplied with papers, having, through the solicitation of Abbie Phillips received 100 copies of the Temperance Banner, monthly, 20 copies of the Well-Spring, weekly, and 1000 copies of the Child's Paper (back numbers). We have also received 50 Bibles and 100 Testaments from the American Bible Society, New York, through Augustus Taber, and 48 Testaments, with a bundle of tracts from New England Friends' Tract Society.

Our annual festival, about the beginning of the new year, was an occasion of interest; the parents and friends of the pupils were invited, and there were many present. Appropriate exercises, and exchanging of presents made the time pass pleasantly. For the purchase of these gifts, about seventy five dollars were contributed by friends of New Bedford, and other contributions were sent from Providence and Worcester.

General Howard and our dear friend Caroline E. Talbot were present, and spoke words of encouragem which will not be forgotten.

Our friend Sarah E. Hall, of Worcester, remained in Washington during the summer of 1871: an importan part of her work has been to look after the sick & aged to give words of counsel and encouragement to all. She had a class of girls who came to her room for three or four hours at a time learning to cut and fit garments, and they made great proficiency. The industrial school was [illegible] commenced soon after the opening of the school in [illegible] the winter, and was kept up nearly every day in the different terms. It was as successful as could be expected under the circumstances, as only one hour was occupied each day, and that after six hours spent in the school room.

The interest of the [illegible] was stimulated by offering as prizes some [illegible] and [illegible], each containing implements for sewing. The two smallest girls in the school were the first to deserve them by their constant attendance and neat sewing. This plan has proved successful, and they have generally been diligent and interested in learning. Each girl has received something in proportion to the value of her work as a present, not as pay. About a hundred garments have been made, including dresses. The children from the best families have appreciated the privileges of this school the most highly.

The people around our mission do not seem to be quite so destitute as in former years; more than [illegible] hundred dollars worth of clothing has, however, been distributed in payment for sewing during the last year, [illegible] gifts and about [illegible] dollars worth of clothing [illegible] for other work. The clothing which has been given gratuitously amounts to about one hundred and fifty dollars. Through the continued liberality of friends, we have been enabled to add very much to the comfort of the sick and poor during the cold season.

The following donations of clothing have been received with great thankfulness, in [illegible]: One barrel from [illegible] N.H.; two barrels from Lynn, Mass.; one barrel from Salem, Mass.; two barrels from [illegible], Mass.; one barrel from [illegible], Mass.; One barrel and package and one case of shoes from Worcester, Mass., through [illegible]; one large and valuable box of new clothing from members of the [illegible] Boston Society and [illegible] Sewing Circle, probable value one hundred dollars.

A. C. [illegible], Superintendent of Public Schools.

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under date of 3rd month 27th writes; "I have just comp
a careful examination of the schools maintained by
the New England Friends in this city, for the purpose
of ascertaining the scholarship of the pupils & their
readiness for promotion, & I take great pleasure in
stating to you, and through you to those interested
in supporting these schools that I have found them
in a very gratifying condition. Abundant evidence
was afforded, in each school, of laborious faithful
and skillful effort on the part of the teachers and com
mendable progress on the part of the pupils in genera
I feel that the community owe to your body a great
debt of gratitude for the long continued & efficient
educational aid you have rendered."

Our Principal writes thus, in conclusion; "And, now,
thanking you in the name and by the request of
parents and children for whom you have done so
much, I will only add, that words cannot express th
great benefit that this Mission has been to this
people."

By the financial statement of our affairs, herewith
submitted, it will be observed that the expense of sus
taining the Mission during the year has been about
four thousand dollars. Our indebtedness at the
close of the school year will be $1700.

Our efforts for the improvement of this people
have been blessed in the past, and an urgent neces
ity still exists for labor in their behalf. On the
other hand, the want of adaptation of our buildings
in Washington for the purposes of the schools, &
the strong claims of less favored localities in the South
have been urged as inducements to change our plan
and basis of operations. We are not prepared, however,
to propose a discontinuance of the Mission, at present;
but would recommend that the subject be left
at the discretion of the committee who may be
entrusted with this concern for another year.

On behalf of the committee,
Edward W. Howland
Newport 6th mo. 13th 1871. Ann B. Earle

New England Friends' Freedmen's Mission

1871 In Account with Edward W. Howland

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| 6mo. Amount paid Expenses at [illegible] | $1950.13 |
| Amount " for repairs | 99.07 |
| Amount paid Family Expenses | 1691.11 |
| Amount paid Insurance | 25. |
| Amount paid for Books | 25.70 |
| Amount balance on hand, this day | 357.63 |
| | $4148.64 |

Credits

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| By cash remaining, 6mo. 1. 1870 | $399.37 |
| By Amt. received from Tenants | 1087.01 |
| By Amt. received for Board | 173.95 |
| By Amt. received for Milk &c. | 37.09 |
| By Amt. of E. W. Howland | 2316.20 |
| By Amt. from [illegible] for Books | 33. |
| | $4148.64 |

Newport, 6mo. 13th 1871

[Signed] Edward W. Howland

Note. — Of the sum of $3500 raised during the year, about $1500 have been expended, leaving $1000 now on hand.

Which being read is satisfactory to us. The care, attention and labor bestowed by them to conduct this benevolent object is very grateful to the feelings of this meeting, and we believe the work has been blessed by our Divine Master for the improvement of that much injured & neglected people.

The Committee now under appointment are continued for that service, and are desired to unite with women friends in extending their care over the Mission for another year.

Committee. — Edward W. Howland, Benjamin Buffum, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, Edward Earle, John G. Whittier, Joseph Cartland, Charles B. Coates, Joseph Grinnell, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles F. Coffin, Henry T. Wood, Francis T. King, Moses Sawyer and William H. Brown.

Womens Committee. — Anne B. Earle, Rachel W. Howland, Ellen K. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Eliza B. Boyce, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Anna T. Wood, Susan Taber, Anna Maria Coffin, Ruth S. Gifford, Elizabeth H. Marshall, Mary Osborne and Margaret B. Coates.

1871 A testimony from Providence Monthly Meeting endorsed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting concerning our beloved friend Ann B. [illegible] deceased, and also one from [illegible] Monthly Meeting on behalf of our dear friend Deborah Taylor, deceased, were received and read.

The testimonies [illegible] respecting the lives and the Christian experience of these devoted servants in the cause of their Divine Master brought them sweetly to our remembrance. These documents being approved are ordered to be recorded.

Being informed by Indiana Yearly Meeting that it is proposed to establish a new Yearly Meeting in Kansas to be composed of [illegible] Yearly Meeting, to be opened in the year 1872, provided it is united with by the other Yearly Meetings, after a time of solid deliberation upon the subject, it being one of great weight & responsibility, this meeting fully united with the proposition.

This meeting was brought under a deep exercise of spirit on being informed of the recent death of that eminent servant of the Lord, Benjamin Seebohm of London Yearly Meeting. It may be truly said that he was an ambassador for Christ. Lively testimonies were borne by many friends to his worth & his labours in the gospel. He labored extensively in our land.

Adjourned to the 10th hour tomorrow morning.

Sixth day Morning the 16th Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

Representatives present except fifteen. Reasons given for the absence of eight.

A testimony from [illegible] Monthly Meeting endorsed by [illegible] Quarterly Meeting concerning our dear friend Stephen H. [illegible], deceased was received, [illegible] the memory of this valued friend was [illegible] to [illegible]. The testimony being approved is directed to be recorded.

The Committee on the very important subject of Education made the following report, viz.:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Education, in presenting their report, do so believing that there is no subject that claims the attention of the

Yearly Meeting of equally [illegible] than that of the proper education of its children. And it is a cause of regret with many, that a subject of such vital importance to [illegible] should receive so little attention during our Yearly Meet-ing [illegible], however, [illegible] the hope that the time is not far distant, when at least one session of the Yearly Meeting will be assigned to the consideration of this important subject.

The usual statistical information furnished by our correspondents is as follows:

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| The whole number of children belonging to the Yearly Meeting between 5 and 21 Y. of A. | [illegible]03 |
| The No of Monthly Meeting Schools | 1 |
| The No. of Family Schools | 3 |
| " " children who have attended School past year | [illegible] |
| " " who have attended Schools taught by Friends or under their control | 207 |
| The No. obtaining an education at Academies & Colleges not under the care of Friends | [illegible] |
| The No. members engaged in teaching - - - | 113 |
| The No. First-day Schools under care of Friends | 59 |
| The Average time of holding [illegible] schools | 7 months |
| The whole No. attending them | [illegible] |
| The average No. | 1543 |
| The No. of our members attending | 1143 |
| " " over 21 years of age | 925 |
| " " Friends over do. | 723 |
| " " Teachers | [illegible] |
| " " Bible classes [illegible] schools | 11 |
| The average time | 9 months |
| " whole No. belonging to the same | 229 |
| " Average number | 135 |
| No. Friends belonging to such | 129 |
| No. Particular Meetings without First-day School or Libraries | 33 |
| " Births during the year | 33 |
| " Admitted by request | 53 |
| " Added " certificate | 4 |
| " removed " " | 39 |
| " disowned or released | 18 |
| " deceased | 72 |
| Whole No. members belonging to the Yearly Meeting - | 4403 |

1871. It appears by the above statistics that only about thirty fou per cent of the whole number of children attending school in the Yearly Meeting, between the ages of five & twenty one years are receiving instruction in what may be termed select schools, under the care of Friends. And when we remember that the Boarding School at Providence as well as Oak Grove Seminary at Vassalboro, are made up largely of pupils who have little or no sympathy with our peculiar views, the question naturally suggests itself whether these schools are answering fully the purpose for which they were originally intended.

But we should remember that we are living in an age of progress, and that our city and even our country schools in New England, are, generally speaking, of a high order; and that many Friends prefer, when they can do so, to educate their children under their own supervision & at the same time thus greatly add to the enjoyments of home. So that the simple fact that the schools allu-ded to are patronized largely, at the present time, by persons who are not members of our religious society is no indication that Friends generally are less anx-ious than at any former period to give their children what is termed a guarded education. Nor should this fact, in the judgement of the committee, lessen at all our interest in the institutions named, for we should ever remember that we are not living for ourselves alone, but if as a people we have received more light, or been commissioned to proclaim to the world cer-tain truths not fully recognized by others, it is clearly our duty to put our light upon a candlestick, and not under a bushel.

We should therefore value these schools, not merely for what they are doing for our own society, but for the influence they are exerting upon those around us in moulding public sentiment in favor of those princi-ples so near and dear to us as a people. And in order that these schools, and others under our supervision, may accomplish the greatest amount of good possible great care should be taken in the selection of teach-ers, not only to obtain those that are fully competent but such as are thoroughly imbued with Christian principles, and whose hearts are warmed from day to day by the love of our Saviour and thus fitted for its labor in the highest sense of the term.

The number of First-day Schools reported for Scriptural instruction is less than last year, and some of these, especially in the country, are laboring under many discouragements. The committee sympathizes deeply with Friends thus circumstanced, and would encourage all, whether old or young, to participate in these schools and thus strengthen each other in the pursuit of that wisdom which can alone make wise unto salvation. And all connected with such schools should strive to make them as interesting and attractive as possible, for it is evident that they are [illegible] auxiliary to the church, and no society can expect to flourish that neglects this important service. Nor should we by any means limit our efforts in this direction to the members of our religious society, but strive to gather in all, whether high or low, rich or poor, that they may share with us this priceless blessing.

But while we recognize the importance of keeping up these schools for Scriptural instruction, we would also urge upon the attention of Friends the duty of remembering that home culture is essential to the highest interest of our children. And since our homes are not directly a gift to us from our Father in heaven, but are very much what we make them, therefore the importance of having correct views regarding our duties and obligations in this respect, at the very outset of home life; for as fresh cares from time to time are added to the family circle, the necessity for concert of action on the part of parents will become more and more apparent. In order to secure this there must not only be freedom of expression, but a willingness on the part of each to make concessions; for self-denial must be practised daily in every happy home. Another important feature in the well-regulated family is the fullest sympathy on the part of parents with their children; for this naturally begets their confidence and encourages the young to go to their parents with their temptations and trials.

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As it is not unfrequently happens, that in the same family there is great diversity of taste and character, there should be great care taken on the part of parents, to study carefully the nature of each, in order to supply the wants of all.

To do this requires much time and patience, but herein lies the secret of success; especially in home government, it is often more, educating children to govern themselves, for any other kind of discipline loses its force when the child passes beyond the restraints of home.

One of the chief obstacles in the way of home education is this want of time. Parents are so much occupied with business and domestic cares, that the instruction of the children is, not unfrequently, almost wholly neglected. And this is not only the case during six days of the week, but even the Sabbath especially in our cities, is so much occupied that parents find very little time to mingle with their children, in the study of the Bible, or the strengthening of those social relations so essential to the welfare of their offspring.

We would therefore, earnestly impress upon such as occupy the responsible position of parents the importance of this subject.

In conclusion, while we realize how little has been effected by our efforts, we think Friends generally, should be encouraged by what has been accomplished, and press onward in the good work in which we are engaged with the assurance that the Lord will not only aid us but bless our efforts For the committee,

Newport 8mo. 15. 1871. J. H. Crosman, Clerk

This report, being read and approved, was accepted; and the information contained therein was interesting and satisfactory to this meeting. The Committee are re-appointed to unite with a similar committee of Women Friends, and they are encouraged to labor for the advancement of the education of our youth; and we exhort all our friends to cooperate with them in the formation of this work, which has ever been a living concern with Friends of this Yearly Meeting.

The Committee are authorized to draw from our treasury one hundred dollars to be distributed among such First day Schools as appear to be in need of assistance.

Committee. – Joseph [illegible] [illegible], Charles H. [illegible], Samuel R. Buffinton, [illegible] [illegible], Abel S. [illegible], John H. Coleman, William F. [illegible], John Page, Prince G. Moore, Nathan T. Shepherd, Isaac R. Potter, William P. Macomber, Charles Taber, John Cartland, Charles Goddard, Silas H. Cartland, Calvin S. Goddard, Abel C. Munroe, James C. Arnold, Jacob Dow, Thomas B. Nichols, Caleb Jones, Clement [illegible] Jones, Albert G. Hill, Samuel Buffum, Eli Jones, Benjamin T. Shepherd, Isaac Winslow, Russell [illegible].

Women's Committee, Cynthia [illegible] Earle, Anna Gould, Ellen H. Buffum, Phebe S. [illegible], Anna G. Smith, Anna M. Fox, Mary B. Reed, Charity S. Dillingham, Susan Taber, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Hetty S. Potter, Elizabeth Ann Slade, Esther Jones, Eunice D. Cartland, Mary C. Hawkes, Lydia M. Pope, Abigail Wheeler, Lydia G. Dow, Maria Aldrich, Margaret B. Cates, Narcissa Jones, Almira G. Hanson, Lydia E. Sawyer, Hannah H. Meader, Louisa M. Briggs, Keziah H. Shepherd, Sarah W. Winslow, Cynthia J. Bowen, Abigail Gould.

Essays of Epistles addressed to the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore, North Carolina and Iowa were read & approved.

By accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings it appears that the number of ministers and elders in each Quarter is as follows:

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| In Rhode Island | Quarter, | 13 | Ministers. | 33 | Elders |
| " Salem | " | 14 | " | 29 | " |
| " Sandwich | " | 19 | " | 34 | " |
| " Falmouth | " | 13 | " | 36 | " |
| " Smithfield | " | 4 | " | 19 | " |
| " Vassalboro | " | 17 | " | 41 | " |
| " Dover | " | [illegible] | " | 16 | " |
| " Fairfield | " | 5 | " | 16 | " |
| Whole No. | | 95 | | 217 | |

1871. The following minute on behalf of our dear friend Isaac Robson of London Yearly Meeting was read & approved viz.:

To the Monthly Meeting of Brighouse, the Quarterly Meeting of Yorkshire and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders of London Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends:

Our beloved friend, Isaac Robson, attended ~~this meeting~~ our last Yearly Meeting and presented satisfactory certificates from your several meetings which were read. Since that time he has attended some meetings within our limits, and we believe it right to state that his gospel labors were truly acceptable and edifying to us, evincing that he was [illegible] engaged to abide under that ministry which qualifies the messengers of the Lord to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ.

We desire for him the continued presence of the Heavenly Shepherd to preserve and direct him, and that he may be blessed with that sweet peace which is the reward of those who are engaged to follow the Lamb whithersoever he may lead them.

The Committee appointed to audit and settle the treasurer's accounts presented the following Report;

To New England Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the accounts of the Treasurer of this meeting, to determine the amount to be raised the ensuing year and to propose the name of a suitable friend for Treasurer have attended to their appointment & report as follows

Receipts

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| Balance from last year's account | $ 2655,6 |
| Received from A. K. Smiley | " 6071.18 |
| Received " Treasurers of Quar. Meetings | 5000. |
| Received " interest on [illegible] | 600. |
| Received " interest on note of Wm. J. Hopkins | 34. |
| Received " interest on Eagle Bank Stock | 100. |
| | $ 14,461.16 |

Expenditures

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| Traveling expenses of Western friends | $ 944. |
| [illegible] Boston [illegible] | 35 9.75 |
| Paid for printing | 52 1.20 |
| Paid for expenses during Yearly Meeting week | 60 9.31 |
| Paid for [illegible] of travelling friends from abroad | 64.83 |
| Paid [illegible], Treas. of Indian Affairs | 850. |
| Paid the Trustees, [illegible] notes of Yearly Meeting | 450. |
| Paid interest | 917.58 |
| Paid for recording Minutes of Yearly Meeting | 43.50 |
| Paid — Insurance | [illegible] .40 |
| Paid for examination of [illegible] | 35. |
| Balance in hands of the Treasurer | 2 41.00 |
| | $ 14,461.16 |

We find the accounts correctly kept and all expenditures properly vouched.

We are united in proposing that the sum of five thousand dollars be raised for the use of the meeting the ensuing year

Our Friend Gideon C. Smith, who has so acceptably served the meeting for the past three years, desires to be released; we, therefore, propose the name of George Howland Jr. for Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

The present indebtedness of the Yearly Meeting by note is seven thousand dollars.

For the committee
Francis Harkness
Newport 8mo. 16th 1871. William [illegible]

Which being considered was accepted, and our Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward their respective proportions of the sum named — five thousand dollars — to George Howland Jr. who is appointed Treasurer of this meeting, to serve till another appointment. [illegible] and Francis Harkness are appointed to receive from Gideon C. Smith, our late Treasurer, the books, papers and effects in his hands, and place them in the hands of George Howland Jr, our present Treasurer.

The clerk is directed to [illegible]

following minute for our friend Jeremiah A. Grinnell
and similar ones for our friends, Phebe Ann Sands,
[illegible] Sarah W. [illegible], Joseph C. Thomas,
Deborah [illegible] Thomas, [illegible] Griffith, Elizabeth L. Comstock,
Sarah E. Jenkins, Sarah Gidley, Edward C. Young,
John Henry Douglass, Allen Terrell, Joel Bean and
[illegible] viz:

Our beloved friend Jeremiah A. Grinnell
attended this meeting. His company and religious
services have been acceptable to us

The clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for Amos Griffith, and similar ones for our
friends William H. Sands, Catharine B. Rider, Francis T.
King, William Gidley, Forbes Grinnell, John T. Comstock,
Elizabeth B. [illegible], George W. Jenkins, Elizabeth W. Young
viz: Our beloved friend Amos Griffith acceptably attended
this meeting

The subject of building a meeting house in Kansas
being brought before us deep sympathy was expressed with
the dear friends about to be separated to form a new
Yearly Meeting in that state, and friends of our several
Monthly Meetings are encouraged to make liberal collections for the purpose of aiding them & forwarding
the amount to the treasurer of this meeting which the
is directed to forward to Washington Hadley, Lawrence
Kansas. A copy of this minute is to be forwarded to each
of our Monthly Meetings

Adjourned to the 4th. hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment;
The Committee on the concern of this meeting for
the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy
tribes of Indians made the following partial Report viz

To the Yearly Meeting

The committee having
charge of the concern of the Yearly Meeting in the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot tribes of Indians, located in the
State of Maine, report; that we have given attention to
the objects of our appointment, rendering such counsel
to individuals of the tribes and officers of the government
in their interests as way has opened for. We cannot

however, prepared to make a full report at this time.

Stephen Jones

On behalf of the Committee

Which is satisfactory to us; and the committee are continued in that service and encouraged to improve such openings as may may open for to promote the improvement of that portion of the human family; and they are authorized to draw from our treasurer the sum of one hundred dollars - it being the amount which was last year appropriated - to be used at the discretion of the Committee

The Committee appointed last year for disseminating and circulating amongst the public such documents and information as will tend to the spreading of our principles against war & fightings submitted the following Report, viz.:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to promote efforts in the cause of Peace report that they have received contributions from Friends amounting to $\$261.\frac{52}{100}$. They have also expended for books, tracts, including 700 copies of Dymond's Inquiry on War, also [illegible], Whelpley, Hancock on Peace and thousands of Tracts & other documents $\$210.\frac{62}{100}$. We also paid 100 subscriptions for one year to the "Messenger of Peace" which have been sent from the office of publication to ministers of various denominations, & to [illegible] in the different relations of life in New England. The account of the condition and wonderful preservation of Friends in Ireland during the rebellion in that country in 1798, and the brief history of the sufferings of Friends of North Carolina during the late civil war in this country were also circulated to some extent; the Committee believing that next to a clear declaration of the principles and requirements of the gospel on this important subject, a practical illustration of the efficiency and the safety of these principles was the most convincing to the public mind. Small tracts have also been distributed with considerable care and judgment in nearly all parts of New England. By many these tracts are [illegible] have been gratefully received and some have rendered important aid in their distribution. Should the Yearly Meeting

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conclude to continue its aid and fostering care in this interesting work, we would suggest the propriety of inviting the cooperation of Women Friends in the concern.

On behalf of the Committee
Eli Jones
Newport, 6th Mo. 14. 1871. Nathaniel Gifford

When brought this interesting subject was further before the meeting, our Friends were united in the re-appointment of the Committee and of inviting our sisters to unit with us in this important engagement. The Committee are continued to act in accordance with the minute of their appointment made last year, and if way opens for it to cooperate with the Peace Committees of other Yearly Meetings; and Friends are recommended to contribute liberally of their means to aid this work.

Essays of Epistles addressed to the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Canada, and one to Friends in Norway, were read and approved; and the clerk was directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them and those approved this morning to the correspondents of those meetings respectively.

This meeting approves of an essay on Peace drawn up by our women Friends to be printed and circulated by them

The London General Epistle of last year not having been received by us we refer the subject of printing and circulating it to our Meeting for Sufferings

The Clerk is authorized to make any necessary extracts from our Minutes and sign them on our behalf.

William C. Taber is appointed to assist the clerk in causing two thousand copies of our Minutes and eighty copies of the Boarding School Report to be printed and sent down to the Quarterly Meetings for distribution in the usual proportions.

Timothy Hoag is appointed correspondent of Sandwich Monthly Meeting New Hampshire in place of George F. Varney. Address, Sandwich, N. H.

We have gratefully to acknowledge that our present Yearly Meeting has been a season of Divine favor, under which the important and weighty engagements which have claimed our attention have been disposed of in love and harmony, and with a humbling sense of the great mercy extended to us, we separate in close unity, proposing to meet again in this place at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Charles R Tucker
Clerk

## Minute on Peace

From the Women's Meeting held in [illegible].

"The following has been adopted as a Minute of this Meeting:-

In the consideration of the present condition of our Religious Society, we have had, among other deficiencies, to acknowledge that much lukewarmness exists amongst us, in faithfully upholding the principles of the Gospel as to the unlawfulness of all war, which we as a Christian Church have ever professed.

We believe it to be our duty to maintain, without wavering, the great principle that the whole gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is utterly opposed to that spirit of evil which induces the nations of the world to engage in deadly strife.

But while fully acknowledging this truth, we have been led to enquire how far have we been faithful in carrying it out in our conversation and in our association with others.

Surely if we believe that all men are indeed of one Brotherhood and that the injunction that we should love one another is of universal application, we are not living up to our high calling as Christians if we do not make a more decided stand in boldly proclaiming ourselves as disciples of the "Prince of Peace".

When we consider how definite is the injunction of our blessed Lord, - But I say unto you love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you, we are made sensible that so few of His professed followers accept this truth in its fulness, which shows so plainly that all war, whether offensive or defensive, is in violation of His teaching.

To do good to those who hate us, is the command of our Lord; and we believe as we have ever done, that His commands are intended to be put in practice in our daily lives and conversation.

1871. It is our prayerful desire that all our members may increase more earnestly to live up to the profession which they make, and we would encourage our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings seriously to consider whether something more is not required at their hands in order to put our views on this important subject before Christians of other denominations, and the public at large.

There seems to be, at the present time, a renewed call to the Lord's children to hold fast to the precepts of the Gospel, so that they may indeed shine as lights in the world, adorning the doctrine of God our Savior in all things."

## Epistles

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island in the 6th Mo. 1871.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends in London
Dear Friends

Assembled as we are in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, we would gratefully acknowledge the goodness of our blessed and holy Head in that he has been pleased to be near us from day to day and to overshadow us with his love. Our meeting has been la[illegible] and we have had the company of many of our younger [illegible] their necks to the yoke of Christ, thereby affording evidence that when the aged shall be removed there will be those coming forward to fill their places who will "stand for the law and the testimony" and who will be qualified by experience to declare unto others the unsearchable riches of Christ.

We live in a remarkable period. The holy Head of the church is pouring out his spirit in a remarkable degree. And is n[illegible] [illegible] tant time, "Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee". It is most ardently desired that all the [illegible] of his church may be more diligent in seeking to know what is required at our hands; that, in watchfulness & prayer, we may examine ourselves & see upon what foundation we are building. Can we say with the apostle that "being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom also we have access into that grace wherein we stand & rejoice in hope of the glory of God"? We are comforted in the belief that there are those amongst you and among us who can adopt this language [illegible] & the [illegible] and who can say in sincerity "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" We desire that we may all be encouraged to fulfil our various duties [illegible] the [illegible] & [illegible] the dictates of the Holy Spirit upon our hearts, that we may thus become instrumental in winning souls to Christ & aid in carrying forward his blessed work & that we may become more [illegible] "[illegible] set on a hill, which cannot be hid"

[illegible] war which has occurred on the continent of Europe has been cause of deep sorrow & mourning; & the exertions made by people in this land for the relief of the sufferers have been very gratifying. We hope there will be a continuance of these exertions believing that they will be attended with the Divine blessing. The arrangement for a settlement of all disagreements [illegible] cause for thanksgiving & praise; "We view it as a movement which indicates an advance towards that day in which wars & fighting shall cease [illegible] the [illegible]. [illegible] last year for the purpose of disseminating more fully our testimony against all wars and fightings made an interesting report & they are continued for further service in cooperation with a committee of the Women's Yearly Meeting. Your acceptable [illegible]

[illegible]

of Union to the [illegible]. [illegible]

this [illegible]

[illegible]

spirits into deep mourning on account of the [illegible] the Church, & solemn silence was spread over us for a time, after which [illegible] of our appreciation of his services while in this land. The Committee having charge of our mission for the freedmen at Washington & the Committee on the [illegible] continued. [illegible]

[illegible]

Charles R. Tucker

1871. To the Yearly Meeting held in Ireland

Dear friends

We greet you in the love of the Gospel, as brethren in him to whom the gathering of the people is to be, [illegible], and, as in ancient times, that in him "shall all the nations of the earth be blessed."

We have received, at this time, your interesting and acceptable epistle of 5th mo. last, with similar epistles from other Yearly Meetings on this continent, and also one from Friends in [illegible]; and we rejoice in the assurance, that, through him, our great High Priest, though widely separated, we are permitted to enjoy this unity and communion one with another, and to adopt with grateful hearts the apostolic injunction, "Let brotherly love continue."

The work of the [illegible] which is the work of the Master, the subduing of his enemies and the extension of his Kingdom, [illegible] any name but the name of Jesus. Whilst, therefore, we rejoice to observe a development of various fields of usefulness, amongst our own members and likewise to learn from you that similar objects also claim your attention, we chiefly rejoice in them as evidences of an increased dedication to the Service of the Lord, who will repay

The interest of our members in Scriptural instruction, through First-day Schools & Bible classes, is maintained;- such Schools being established, at present, in connection with most of the local meetings of this Yearly Meeting, and we believe that a blessing has attended their labors.

[illegible] the aborigines of this country has been much widened and deepened by the recent action of our government [illegible] and we desire your prayers that so important & conspicuous a trust may be discharged by the associated Yearly Meetings to the honor of truth, and as becomes our Christian profession.

The cause of Peace, brought before us very clearly in the minute adopted in your meeting & enclosed with our epistle, is one in which we feel a deep & growing [illegible]

We hail, as a matter of mutual congratulation & encourage-
ment, the adjustment by peaceful negotiation, of all causes
of disagreement between this country and Great Britain; and
we shall [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
nations [illegible] [illegible] arrangement.

To change the policy of nations, to disband stand-
ing armies & dismantle navies would seem to human
judgement a Sisyphus's task.
It has [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] waged the war in this seemingly unequal contest. At
the present time we have cheering evidence of cooperation
from the growing interest of woman in matters of legislation
and in the increased intelligence and power among the
laboring classes upon both of whom the burden of sustain-
ing armies [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible], with crushing
weight. Let us hope that the day is not far distant
when it shall be the will of our Father in heaven that this
scourge shall be stayed forever & nations shall learn war
no more.

We sympathize with you in your interest in behalf
of the suffering victims of war in France, to whose
necessities you have ministered; may the dear Lord
add His blessing.
With desires for your preservation in every
good work to do His will, and with the salutation of love
we are your friends and brethren
Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting,

Charles R. Tucker
Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New York

Dear Friends:
It is with feelings of deep thankfulness to our
Father in Heaven for his mercy and goodness towards us,
that we once more salute you as brethren in the Lord.
As we come up again from our several homes to
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
before us, we are made renewedly sensible of the uncertain-
ty of life as we behold the places once filled by beloved
friends now vacant, & the words of the Psalmist come

1871. known to us, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

We fully endorse the sentiment of your valued epistle of the present month, that the labors of our Committees on the Freedmen and on Indian affairs have strengthened the bonds of Gospel fellowship between the different Yearly Meetings, it appears; and the [illegible] that [illegible] been [illegible] [illegible] us to still greater effort.

By the report of our Boarding School committee we find that institution in a satisfactory condition; & from the report of our committee on Education, we learn that this important subject is receiving careful attention.

The Committee appointed in the year 1861 to revise our Book of Discipline have presented the result of their labor, which has been carefully considered, in joint session, occupying many sittings. [illegible] earnest engagement, the deepest interest pervaded the meeting, and the solid deportment of our young friends evinced their watchful care for the welfare of the Church; and the further consideration of the subject was referred to our next Yearly Meeting.

We have, at this time, the acceptable company of many dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings including several from your own; and the ministry of the word has been "in demonstration of the Spirit and of power;" and we believe that many both old and young have consecrated themselves anew to the service of their Lord.

We have been enabled to transact the various matters that have claimed our attention in much harmony & love; and, while, on a few minor points we may not see eye to eye, yet that spirit of condescension and mutual forbearance which should always mark the true disciples of our [illegible] Lord, has been [illegible] [illegible] our hearts together as the heart of one man.

Finally, brethren, farewell. The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Charles R. Tucker
Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Baltimore

Dear friends

Whilst thus addressing you & acknowledging the receipt of your acceptable epistle of 10th month last, the [illegible] of [illegible] fellowship [illegible] distribution has been confirmed

Most fully do our hearts respond to your expressed [illegible] insufficiency, of ourselves, to serve the Lord; but the Christian believer when feeling his leanness and poverty may ever rely on the assurance that our God can supply all our need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

The events of the last few years have opened new fields of Christian labor and enlarged others in which we had been engaged. Your location brought you into more immediate action; yet we have endeavored according to our ability to hold up and strengthen your hands in the work.

To be united in the labor of the day is the privilege of the followers of Christ; [illegible] the teachings of his Spirit, the path of duty will be made known to us individually and as a Society.

We, as a branch of the militant church, should not only be willing to come forward & take the position to which we are called by the great Head of the Church, but should endeavor to maintain it, laboring under the direction of him, our holy Leader, to advance the cause of truth and righteousness in the earth. [illegible] to ourselves that which belongs to God; remembering we are not our own but are bought with a price, even the precious blood of Christ.

Our meeting has been large & our hearts have been cemented together in love. The subject of Peace has claimed our attention. May we be enabled to uphold the standard to the world in [illegible] from other Yearly Meetings tending to strengthen the bonds of [illegible].

[illegible] brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus "Christ be with your Spirit. Amen"

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Charles R. Tucker

1871. To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

Your acceptable epistle of 11th month last was received, and has been read at this time. We are encouraged by the favorable state of Society as represented by it. We thankfully learn that the cause of our blessed Redeemer is increasingly dear to many among you, that his kingdom is extending, and that not a few of [illegible] may continue to prosper among you. May you [illegible] be encouraged in the use of every sanctified means of grace, throwing the arms of the church around those who need its fostering care. "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also must I bring and they shall hear my voice and there shall be one fold & one shepherd".

It is both the privilege & the duty of the church to [illegible] accomplish this great work. In the early gospel days the churches walking in the fear of the Lord & in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied". Our warmest sympathy and tender regard are towards those in the younger walks of life. Many of these have had to pass through much suffering; may the good seed which has been sown through baptism, become fruitful in the Lord's vineyard. Though trials still await you the language of the Savior is, "Be of good cheer". We are to labor on, notwithstanding these outward obstacles. The [illegible] the parable of the sower, said, also, "The field is the world". May all the Lord's servants be faithful in their se[illegible].

Encouraging are the accounts received of our Christian labor among the Indians and the freedmen. Never before has there been a field open within our reach where there [illegible] toil with an assurance of a greater blessing & more certain fruits. Earnestly would we encourage you to persevere in your labors so well begun among the poor freedmen. Not a few of these are the followers of our Lord. He [illegible] to his disciples. How encouraging is the assurance, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me". We have felt it to be a renewed cause of thankfulness that we have a goodly number of Friends in the ministry from [illegible] Yearly Meetings in attendance with us at this time. Our Yearly Meeting [illegible] largely attended and characterized by love & unity in the transaction of the affairs of the church, and crowned in a remarkable degree with the owning presence of our Heavenly Father, to whom be all the glory.

With [illegible] of [illegible]

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting

Charles R. [illegible]
Clerk

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To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Again permitted by our kind Father in heaven to assemble in our Yearly Meeting, we feel our hearts [illegible] to [illegible] to you a salutation of Christian love and fellowship.

Acceptable epistles have been received and read at this time from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond & have brought us very near in spirit to our absent Friends, and have caused us afresh to feel that, One is our Master even Christ and all we are brethren.

We have the very acceptable company of a number of ministers from other Yearly Meetings whose communications have, we trust, afforded the evidence of their Divine appointment; and we feel it a cause of deep and heartfelt gratitude that the great Head has deigned thus instrumentally to visit his people in [illegible]

A large number of our younger members are present on this occasion, many of whom have manifested an interesting interest in the things which pertain to their souls' Salvation.

We desire to return thanks to our Heavenly Father that under the [illegible] influence of [illegible], the hearts of the fathers have been [illegible] to the children and the hearts of the children to their fathers.

The consideration of the State of Society revealed a remissness on the part of some of our members which [illegible] the [illegible] of Society

1871. solicitude for the welfare of the body; and we are confident that many fervent aspirations have been offered in secret before the throne of grace, that the church may be purified and be made more meet to be the bride of the Lamb; that He who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, may watch over and preserve us all by His Holy Spirit.

Our committee to promote the cause of Peace has been [illegible] in dispensing [illegible] information by the circulation of tracts & other reading matter among all classes in New England on this important subject. Earnestly do we desire the encouragement of all, who under the constraining love of Christ, are engaged in the extension of the peaceable kingdom of the Messiah, the Prince of Peace. The present is, we believe, a favorable time for the diffusion of correct principles upon this important subject. May we each strive to exhibit in our daily life a practical illustration thereof.

Our committee on the concern for the freedmen have presented their report, showing that our efforts in behalf of this people have been blessed to their temporal and spiritual improvement.

The report of the Indian committee drew forth our lively sympathy on behalf of this unfortunate race, & impressed us with a deep sense of the responsibility resting upon our Society in being chosen to aid in carrying out the peaceful policy of the government.

From information received in regard to First-day Schools we find that the interest of our members is unabated in this important work.

In view of these [illegible] of the concerns of the body before us, we have [illegible] a humbling sense of our utter inability to do anything of ourselves, & earnestly to ask help of Him without whose aid all our efforts to advance His cause would be unavailing.

With the salutation of love, we are your brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Charles R. Tucker

Clerk

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of [illegible]

Dear friends

In returning your warm & affectionate salutation of last year, as brethren beloved we feel the preciousness of the union which binds us together. How many and how strong are the ties which unite Christian believers in the fellowship of the gospel; one common Father, one endearing brotherhood with his Son Jesus Christ, one enlivening [illegible] with all them that have obtained like precious faith, and, thro' adorable mercy, one common inheritance in the kingdom of heaven. [illegible] earnestly should our hearts be engaged to do the will of him, who, in the largeness of his love, has bestowed them upon us; that we may not only come to enjoy union with him, but that his cause may be advanced by our instrumentality. And how precious is the thought, that through the operation of his Holy Spirit, it is our privilege to become fitted for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] whatever errand he may please to send us; while we love our brethren not only as fellow heirs of a common salvation, [illegible] as fellow-labourers in the same loving service.

Our meeting has been largely attended, and brethren beloved from other Yearly Meeting's have been with us, and we have been blessed with the ministry of the word in its fulness and freeness; while, in the transaction of the various concerns of the church, harmony and brotherly condescension have prevailed.

[illegible] have made a report, and it appears that the institution is in a very prosperous condition and that the number of pupils who are receiving an education there is larger than usual.

Our committee on the subject of Peace have been active in the endeavor to diffuse information upon it by means of printed matter; and documents & tracts treating upon the subject have been circulated largely in New England, we may hope with beneficial results.

Our mission at Washington for the education and improvement of the freed people of color has been

1871. continued, and 240. children are in attendance of [illegible]

Our efforts in this work are already reactive, as some of those who have been pupils have taken the position of teacher and filled it with efficiency; while others are in the higher schools of training for similar situations. An interesting and encouraging feature in the progress of many of these people is the moral responsibility which they are becoming qualified to assume.

This meeting continues its concurrent action with the associated committees of other Yearly Meetings upon the welfare of the Indians. May we labor in that direction until the false and unchristian sentiment that the aborigines are subjects for degradation and [illegible] conclusion, that they are our brethren, - children of a common Father and heirs with us of the promises of salvation and eternal life.

We acknowledge, with thankfulness, the goodness of the Lord vouchsafed to us in this Yearly Meeting. [illegible] have experienced a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit. In gratitude for the forgiveness of a debt which we had nothing to pay, may our future life evince a renewed consecration to the service of our blessed Lord; and, in obedience and love to him who loved us and gave [illegible] for us may we be fruitful to his praise.

With a salutation of love we are your brethren

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting

Charles R Tucker
Clerk

To Western Yearly Meeting of Friends
Dear friends

In the love of Christ we salute you. Your acceptable epistle of last year, together with those from other Yearly Meetings, were comforting to us, & tend, we believe, to strengthen the bond of fellowship.

In this meeting, our Heavenly Father has been pleased in his abundant goodness, to bless us together, and from time to time has overshadowed us with his presence, whereby thirsty souls have been refreshed with living water.

Our meeting has been largely attended and unity and harmony have prevailed. Our hearts have been cheered by the interest manifested by many of our dear young Friends in the work before us, and it is our earnest prayer that we all through faithful obedience to the teachings of the Holy Spirit may build together upon the Rock, Christ Jesus, and [illegible] and trial may assail us. As we abide in him and know his word to abide in us we shall thereby be qualified for usefulness in the church and in the world and bring forth fruit to the glory of God.

Under the constraining love of Christ, several of his servants have been drawn to visit us and have been enabled to declare the way of salvation by him to the edification and comfort of many amongst us.

We have been introduced into a lively feeling of interest on behalf of those who are set as ensamples to the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made them overseers. We would encourage all these to faithfulness in the discharge of their several duties, whether it be the minister to exhort with all long suffering & doctrine, or the elders, [illegible] the burden of the church, may he labor therein "as he that serveth". Such as these whose sufficiency is of God are "worthy of double honor", and are to be "highly esteemed in the church of Christ.

We learn with satisfaction that the interest manifested among you upon the subject of Scriptural instruction. Among ourselves an engagement is felt that this kind of instruction in First day Schools should be encouraged, not [illegible] classes in our several neighborhoods may also enjoy its benefits.

Our Mission at Washington for the improvement of the freedmen has been sustained during the past year. Under its fostering care, hundreds of these poor creatures, victims by ignorance and helplessness to the blighting influence of slavery, have been raised in the scale of civilization and intelligence. Mothers have been taught habits of neatness and economy and various arts of domestic life. The young females have been instructed in needle-work, and

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of 200 children have enjoyed the benefit of our schools, in which they have made commendable progress in rudi-mental education; and several are being qualified by thorough and systematic training for the responsible position of teacher

Our committee on Peace has been engaged in the dissemination of tracts and reading matter during the year, and the importance of this subject is renewedly felt among us. The searching inquiry has been made whether we, as a religious society, are sufficiently engag to uphold in its fulness, the gospel standard, as discipl of the Prince of Peace. May it be our concern, practically to illustrate the efficacy of these principles in our daily walk in life

With the salutation of love we remain your friends and brethren

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting.

Charles R Tucker
Clerk

To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

We came together to this our Annual Meeting humbled under a sense of our many short-comings, but alive, we trust to the aboundin love of Christ; and we now respond to your accept epistle, in that love which is the bond of Christia

We highly value this system of correspondence, these things were done in the apostolic age; and in the early periods of our religious Society much instruction [illegible] from this Christian practice

Our meeting is well attended, and many of our younger members have entered into exercise [illegible] with their elder brethren, and there is an ea[illegible] and harmonious travail for the promotion and extension of the kingdom of Christ among men.

A large number of concerned Friends, ministers and others, from the different Yearly Meetings [illegible]
Canada, are with us. We have welcomed them as brethren beloved,

and that [illegible]
We are sensible of many deficiencies, and have been humbled thereby, but, as it is by the Lord's Spirit alone, trusting in his Almighty arm, that we are to overcome our souls' enemies we long for more unreserved consecration to him that we may prevail in his name, remembering the promise, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit in my throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father in his throne".

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[illegible];
and, through God's grace and mercy, we have been enabled to transact the business of the meeting in his fear. "Glory ye in his holy name; let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord"

We bid you farewell, in the covenant of life and peace

Signed by direction, on behalf of the meeting

Charles R. [illegible]
Clerk

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To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends
Dear friends

Your acceptable epistle of 6th month last year was received and read in our meeting at this time. [illegible]
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[illegible] evidence that the Lord Jesus Christ the great Head of the church militant rules and reigns over all and draws us toward himself and toward one another by the cords of his boundless love.

We have been favored at this time with the company of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings whose ministrations we have felt to be a blessing to us; and our hearts have been warmed thereby; and strong desires have been begotten in us for greater dedication to the service of that great & good and glorious Being who has borne so long with us, and who, notwithstanding our [illegible]

1871. continues to send His servants to warn us of the danger of continuing in a sinful neglect of our duty towards him and to testify of His forbearance & love.

Our meeting has been well attended and we have been favored, as we reverently trust, with the presence of the dear Master; and, through the baptizing influence of the Holy Spirit, we have been enabled to [illegible] the business of the Church in much harmony & unity of feeling; and a living [illegible] that with all our weakness and imperfections the service might be to the honor of our Lord.

And, dear friends, we have had our attention renewedly called, at this time, to our duty as a highly professing Christian [illegible] faithfulness of the [illegible] and [illegible] of our [illegible]; to [illegible] to the [illegible] of all gospel ministrations, to the spiritual character of the worship of Almighty God and the peaceable nation of the Redeemer's kingdom.

May all, both with us and you, take these things to heart, and may [illegible] enabled, through the teaching of the Holy Spirit to serve our dear Lord & Master in our generation and be instrumental in bringing wandering souls to the fold of Christ.

With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Charles R. Tucker
Clerk

## To Friends in Norway

The Epistle to us from your two-months' meeting held last month, reached us in due course, and it has been read in this, our Annual Meeting to our edification and comfort. You have been brought near [illegible] in the [illegible] fellowship of the gospel in which we all claim kindred to each other and joint service for our Master even Jesus. "One is your Master, even Christ and all ye are brethren."

It is [illegible] in the obedience of faith that we may expect a growth in grace and in the saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As we partake of the sincere milk of the word, we shall grow thereby, and, as we abide in Christ the living vine shall bear fruit to his praise and to his glory."

Unchanged are the words of our Lord, "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine no more can ye except ye abide in me"

May we listen attentively to the voice of our compassionate Saviour who gave his life for the lambs of his flock and for the sheep of his fold. Do we hear his voice? Do we know it from the voice of the stranger? He saith "My sheep hear my voice & I know them and they follow me"

Let us all, of whatever language or nationality, accept him as our Leader and our feeder, in short, as our Shepherd; that each may share in the blessed experience of the Psalmist, having our wants supplied by him, accepting cheerfully and thankfully what he gives, lie down in green pastures beside the still waters, having [illegible] in the paths [illegible] for his name's sake."

We heartily respond to the desire expressed by you, that the Lord, by the power of his grace, may bow our hearts in true humility and lowliness before him, that so we may learn of him who is meek and lowly in heart and obtain wisdom and strength to do his will.

The Lord's people in all ages, and in all lands, have been led to bear testimony, that such as ask receive - that he giveth liberally and upbraideth none - that his compassions fail not, and his mercies endure forever.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

We are glad to know that translated copies of [illegible] with Friends in Denmark. We have [illegible] love to them in which their hearts have been enlightened to see the truth as it is in Jesus, and that strength [illegible] has been given to confess him as their Savior, in the

1871. face of a gainsaying world. We have heard also of their trials some by imprisonment for conscience sake, and ot [illegible] these sufferings which [illegible] to be the lot of [illegible] who will live godly in Christ Jesus.

We desire to convey to those dear brethren and sisters in the kingdom of Denmark in common with you [illegible], [illegible] accompanied by the prayer "That the God of all grace and of all consolation may supply all your need" according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus".

We have at this time the acceptable company of many friends from other Yearly Meetings some are here as ambassadors for Christ, from whom we have received much Christian counsel and by whom the gospel of peace and salvation has been preached amongst us

With the salutation of love we are your friends
Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Charles R. Tucker
Clerk

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At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in Rhode Island, commencing at Newport on Seventh day, the 15th of 6th mo. 1872.

By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting, viz:

From Rhode Island, Thomas Harkness, Perez Peck, Albert K. Smiley, Thomas E. Steere, Stephen Chase, Joseph Cartland, Joseph H. Atwater, Jacob Mott, George Bowen, Gideon A. Smith, Samuel Austin, Abel E. Collins.

From Salem, - Samuel Boyce, Wm. Dame, Josiah D. Chaples, Thomas Osborn, Daniel Paige of Salem, John Paige, [illegible] Cadwell, Moses Sawyer, Moses A. Rogers, [illegible] [illegible].

From Sandwich, - Joseph Grinnell, Edward W. Howland, Joseph S. Tillinghast, Daniel Gifford, Otis Slocum, Daniel B. Main, Rufus Sherman, Lemuel Gifford, Lemuel Macomber, James West, David Kelley & Newell Hoxie.

From Falmouth, - Freeman Andrews, Cyrus Cartland, Lemuel Jones, Abram Winslow, Nathaniel Hawkes, Silas K. Cartland, Josiah Winslow, Penrose Chapman.

From Smithfield, - Richard Battey, Timothy H. Earle, Moses D. Southwick, David Babcock, Isaac Steere, John Milton Earle, Abel C. Runnion, John B. Daniels.

From Vassalboro, - James Hussey, John H. Frye, Jonathan Estes, Stephen Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, George H. Pope, William A. Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Ebenezer Frye.

From Dover, - Albert C. Neill, Joseph H. Pratt, John Estes, Albert C. Buffum, Timothy B. Hussey.

From Fairfield, - Isaac Hall, Moses Briggs, Elias A. Hoxie, Paul Jones, George Richardson and Reuben T. Jones.

1872 1. On the call of the names, they were present except five: for the absence of three satisfactory reasons were given.

2. We had at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends, [illegible], [illegible] C. Collins, Zaccheus Powel, William Lindley Dean, from New York Yearly Meeting; Deborah C. Thomas from Baltimore Yearly Meeting; Elizabeth L. Comstock, Phebe B. Hathaway, Edward C. [illegible], William Jenkins from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Lindley M. Hoag from Iowa Yearly Meeting; Eliza H. Varney and Catharine Moore from Canada Yearly Meeting. Certificates from their respective meetings expressing unity with them as ministers and with their religious engagements were presented & read.

3. Our beloved friends Maria Willets, an elder, companion to Deborah C. Thomas; John T. Comstock an elder, who accompanies his wife Elizabeth L. Comstock; Lydia M. Jenkins, an elder, who accompanies her husband, William Jenkins; [illegible], an elder, companion to her sister Catharine Moore; [illegible] M. [illegible] and [illegible] C. [illegible] who accompany Eliza H. Varney, are present with us, and presented satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings.

4. The London General Epistle for 1871 was now read. The meeting was touched, and, we trust, [illegible] with its [illegible] contents, and we [illegible] commend it to the solid consideration of our subordinate meetings and members, and appoint our friends William H. Robinson & William C. Ta to cause a reprint of five thousand copies to be placed in the hands of the representatives to be conveyed to our subordinate meetings for distribution.

5. We are in receipt of truly acceptable Epistles from our dear friends of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa and Canada. In the reading of these interesting communications of brotherly love & regard, our dear friends on both

sides of the Atlantic have been afresh brought to our remembrance, with a corresponding evidence that we are one people, professing the same faith; and being engaged to reciprocate these tokens of love, we appointed the following friends to prepare, as way may open for it, essays of Epistles to those meetings and also to Kansas Yearly Meeting - to be opened in the 10th month next, - and present them to a future sitting, and also one to Friends in Norway, although no epistle has been received from them the past year; viz.: Eli Jones, Samuel Boyce, Benj. Buck, George A. Pope, Charles C. [illegible], Joseph Cartland, Henry T. Wood, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] Austin, Joseph H. [illegible], Joseph C. [illegible], David K. Akin, William C. Baker, Richard Batty, William A. Brown, James G. Congdon, John H. [illegible], John Milton Earle, Albert K. Smiley, John D. Lang, Moses Bailey, Benjamin H. Jones, John Paige, Timothy B. Earle, Thomas W. [illegible], [illegible], William O. Newhall, and Newell Hoxie.

6. By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings it appears that

Rhode Island has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and recommending the public ministry of Charlotte L. Holmes; and with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jacob Mott and Susanna Mott to the station of elder.

Sarah Leighton, an elder, a member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, died 12th mo. 14th 1871. aged 81 years; 27 days, and Hannah Knowles, an elder, a member of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, died 1st mo. 1st 1872 aged 88 years 2 months 16 days.

Salem has united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary Ann Folsom to the station of elder.

Daniel Paige, a minister, has removed within the limits of that Quarterly Meeting from [illegible] Quarter.

Ephraim Leighton, an elder, a member of Weare Monthly Meeting, deceased 2d month 29th 1872, aged 77 years, 5 mos. 9 days; and Joseph [illegible], an elder, a member of the same meeting, died 4th month 3d 1872, aged 63 years, 1 month and 15 days.

1872 Sandwich, informs that Susan Howland, a minister, a member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, deceased 1st month 19th. 1872. aged 80 years, 2 mos, 3 days; and Abigail Crowell, an elder, a member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died 3d mo. 3d. 1872, aged 86 years, 8 months and 7 days

Falmouth reports that it has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Cyrus Cartland and of Sarah F. Fay; and with Limington Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift & approving the public ministry of James Cartland. Eunice F. Rich, an elder, a member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, died 7th month 1st. 1871, aged 82 years, 11 mos 15 days.

Vassalboro, has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Nancy H. Pinkham to the station of elder; and in approving the gift and the public ministry of Mary Ann Jones & Elizabeth S. Evans.

Sarah T. Crossman, an elder, a member of China Monthly Monthly, deceased 5th Mo. 27th, 1872, aged 60 years, 11 months, 17 days.

Dover informs that Comfort Neal, an elder, a member of Berwick Monthly Meeting, deceased 5th month 12th, 1871, aged 83 years.

We have received, at this time, communications from the Second Baptist Society of this city thro' its clerk, James D. Seabury, and from the Marlboro' St. Methodist Episcopal Church, through its pastor, D. P. Leavitt, freely offering the use of their meeting-houses for Friends to occupy at any time during the Yearly Meeting, and from Edwin F. Jones offering the use of the Thames St. Methodist Episcopal meeting house for the use of Friends on First day evening. This meeting accepts the offers thus made, as an evidence of the Christian love and regard of those societies to us, and we appoint William C. Taber, George Bowen, Obadiah Chase, Samuel Austin & Josiah Holmes Jr. to make such arrangements as way may open for with our ministering friends to hold meetings in some or in all of these meeting houses, and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute as far as it relates to each respectively, and sign them on our behalf.

8. Eli Jones, Henry T. Wood and William A. Brown are appointed to make all necessary arrangements as to place and time for the committees to meet who are appointed on the business of this meeting

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Friends convened pursuant to adjournment.

9. Samuel Boyce, on behalf of the representatives, reported that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Charles R. [illegible] for clerk, and William C. [illegible] for assistant clerk for the present year, which being satisfactory to the meeting they are appointed to those stations

10. The Records of our last Yearly Meeting were now read.

11. We appoint [illegible], [illegible], William P. [illegible], Samuel [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Albert C. Buffum and [illegible] to audit and settle the Treasurer's account and to propose a sum sufficient to be raised for the use of this meeting the present year, and the name of a friend for Treasurer, and report to a future sitting

12. We appoint James [illegible], William A. Brown, Josiah Holmes Jr., Nathaniel Hawkes Isaac Steere, William A. Jones, Albert C. Buffum and Moses Bailey to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries from our Quarterly Meetings and present the same to our next sitting.

13. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proposes to change the time of holding that meeting from 11 to 10½ o'clock in the forenoon, with which this meeting unites.

14. Salem Quarterly Meeting in its [illegible] proposes that the time of holding its Quarterly Meeting of ministers and elders in the First month be changed from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

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which is united with by this meeting.

15. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid or ordered to be paid, their respective proportions of Stock called for last year, to our Treasurer.

16. Our beloved friend [illegible] Hathaway, who accompanies his wife Phebe R. Hathaway, is acceptably with us. A minute of concurrence from his friends has been re

17. Samuel R. Swinton is appointed correspondent of [illegible] Monthly Meeting, in place of Joseph [illegible], who has resigned.

18. We appoint Leonard Macomber correspondent of Westport Monthly Meeting in place of [illegible] who is now residing without their limits.

19. Our beloved friend [illegible] C. Hall presented at this sitting a satisfactory certificate from her respective meetings in Iowa Yearly Meeting expressing unity with her as a minister & with her religious engagements. Her company is acceptable to us. Adjourned to 10 o'clock on Second day morning the 17th.

Second day morning, 17th the meeting again assembled.

20. The representatives [illegible] except four: satisfactory reasons given for the absence of four.

21. We have at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Daniel Hill, with a minute of concurrence from [illegible] Creek Monthly Meeting of Indiana Yearly Meeting.

22. The meeting now proceeded to consider the state of society, -under, we trust, a precious covering of the Lord's Spirit,- by reading the Answers to the Queries as presented by our several Quarterly Meetings and having proceeded therein to the sixth inclusive, adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon

At the appointed hour in the afternoon the meeting again assembled & completed the reading of the Queries and Answers

23. During the whole course of this interesting season, we believe that the great Head of the church condescended, in the riches of his love, to be very near us; our hearts were tendered & we were edified together.

The reports from our subordinate meetings have, as at former times, given evidence of much weakness and of our continued need of divine help.

The duty, the privilege of assembling ourselves on the occasions appointed for public worship, was largely dwelt upon.

We were tenderly exhorted to come unreservedly to Christ. Mercifully made partakers of His love, becoming living members of his church, how willingly should we offer him our best services who so lovingly and richly rewards for every sacrifice which we make in his precious cause.

Often, then, might we know a preparation of heart, on returning from our meetings, to go to the absent ones and say to them that Jesus had been in our midst and spread before us a rich feast.

The earnest desire of our souls would then be, that all might freely partake of "the unsearchable riches of Christ." Then the language to our young brethren would be, "Have you [illegible] the enemy to sow tares in the garden of your souls? Oh come with us and go in the Savior's name, and let us realize his blessed assurance, There I am in the midst of them."

Instances of sleeping in our religious meetings, reported in several of the accounts, have claimed our very serious consideration. While we would cherish a tender sympathy with the aged and those laboring under physical infirmities, it is indeed affecting and discouraging to see those of full strength, in the vigor of life, so far forgetting the great object of our coming together as to suffer themselves to sleep on such occasions.

Seriously reminding these of the great loss which they, as individuals are thus sustaining, and, also, of the loss sustained by the church, we would affectionately encourage them to ask the Lord in solemn prayer to be with them on these occasions and strengthen them to overcome all their weaknesses. We believe that he will in his great love & mercy do it; for he has promised to be with all who seek his divine aid; and his promises fail not.

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The preciousness of love and unity on the one hand, and the injurious effects of the indulgence of the b ful spirit of detraction on the other, were alluded t in great tenderness; and earnest were the appeals that our prayers might be offered up for any dear brethren who may be suffering an estrangement of feeling to exist, an alienation from each other an from the love of Christ. They were entreated, in that lo to be reconciled one to the other and to the church whi needs their help. No malice no envy can ente the heavenly family. "Behold how good & how pleasa it is for brethren to dwell together in unity". Yet, encompassed with weaknesses, "in many things w offend all." Should we not, then, ever be ready to make the first advances towards a reconciliation? "For he that loveth not his brother, whom he hath se how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

Upon these terms, alone, can our offerings be acceptable to God; "If thou bring thy gift to the altar and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brothe and then come and offer thy gift."

Let us not rest upon any false hopes, but repen and return to our first love; love God and he will be merciful to us. Do we love the commandment Do we guard the good name of others? We best kn our own hearts. If we see in our brother that which is wrong in him, let us not report it, but go to him with loving hearts, tell him his fault between us & him alone, tell him of the Savior's love who die that we might live.

The importance of the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures was then feelingly brought before the mee ing, and instances were cited in which faithfulne in this duty had drawn down the choice blessin of heaven. Friends were affectionately encouraged not to neglect this very important service, believing it t be incumbent upon us that the family circle be da united for this purpose before the Lord, and that if we are faithful in this duty the love of Jesus will be witness and that not only the heads of families but even the children, upon the bended knee, will be drawn, in the spirit of prayer, to ask of their heavenly Father food convenient for them, - food which will nourish up the soul unto eternal life. Thus may we be enabled to bring our children to the throne of grace. Testimonies were borne to the memory of praying fathers and mothers whose petitions had been answered after they had been laid in the silent grave; and we were exhorted so to walk before our children that they might witness our faith in God, and that our only hope of salvation is in the one great offering made for us all, the blood of Christ.

Earnest are our prayers for the welfare of Zion. May her waste places be builded up. May [illegible] be filled by those, who, drawn to us by this love, are seeking to know Christ, and him crucified. The presence of the great Master, the Head over all things to his church, has been known in our midst. We have been baptized together into the one Spirit, sweet counsel has freely flowed, and fervent prayers have arisen that the Lord may bless and sanctify this meeting to us; that he may clothe our spirits with that love which will enable us, on our return to our families and friends, to speak to them in the name of the Father and of the Son. Our spirits thus filled with love, the language to them will be, "Come, let us to go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of his ways & we will walk in his paths".

24. The committee having charge of the long-standing concern of this meeting for the advancement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, presented the following report, to wit:

To the Yearly Meeting

The committee on the concern of this meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, report that some of our number have, during the year, extended such care & counsel to these Indians as way has opened for. Schools have been maintained among both tribes as heretofore. The improvement in education in the Penobscot-

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tribe has been the most considerable, and their better opportunity of hiring out for labor among their white neighbors, is also an advantage.

In agricultural pursuits their progress has been nearl the same as in the last few years. A discouraging featur in their location, which has hindered their advanceme in farming operations, arises from the fact that their lands, which consist to a great extent of numerous, small islands, are liable to be overflowed at times, to the destruction of their crops. This circumstance has s times tended to their unsettlement.

The committee believe that the expenditure of a not exceeding one hundred dollars, during the presen year, in this settlement, may be judicious, & will tend not only to help the Indians permanently, but it be a means of uniting the members of the tribe m nearly together. We recommend that this amount b placed at the disposal of the committee.

On behalf of the committee

John D. Lang
Stephen Jones
Nathan Douglass
Newport 6th Mo. 15th 1872 Eli Jones
George Richardson

Which is interesting and satisfactory to this meeting; a Eli Jones & Stephen Jones are requested to present the names of suitable friends to compose a committee fo the ensuing year. They brought forward the names of Stephen Jones, John D. Lang, James B. Congdon, H Wood, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Timothy Hanson, George Richardson, Josiah Philbrook, Paul Wing, Augustine Jones, Edward Earle and Joseph Briggs, wh are appointed on that service; and they are encourage to labor as opportunity and ability may be afforde for the improvement and well-being of the remaining remnants of those tribes. And our Treasurer is direct to pay to the committee a sum of money not exceedin one hundred dollars, to be expended by them for the benefit, and report next year.

Adjourned to meet in joint session with our women friends at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning

Third day morning the 18th. The meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.
25. The committee continued last year upon the revision of our Discipline reported as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

The joint committee on the revision of the Book of Discipline, report that, as directed at our last Yearly Meeting, they have procured the printing of five hundred copies of the one presented at that time after some revision. These copies were distributed in the usual proportion among Friends in the several Quarterly Meetings, with a request that they should be returned, with comments, in season for further consideration by the committee, previous to to a final revision and report. The work now presented is the result of this subsequent examination and review, and is submitted to the disposal of the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the committee

Charles Taber
Henry T. Wood
Geo. Howland Jr
Newport, 6mo. 15th., 1872. Rebecca C. Grinnell

Which being read was accepted & ordered to be recorded.

The meeting, under a prayerful feeling of the great responsibility resting upon it, then proceeded to read portions of the work, which, with some slight changes, was approved and adopted; and then adjourned to the fourth hour in the afternoon.

Afternoon. - The meeting according to adjournment, when the reading was resumed and further ~~modification adopted up to and including the~~ portions of the work considered and adopted up to, and including the 10th query.

Much brotherly love and condescension having been witnessed, the meeting adjourned to the 10th hour on Fourth day morning.

Fourth day morning the 19th. - Friends again met in joint session; and under, as we trust, a precious covering of the Holy Spirit, the work was again resumed, and with some modification adopted up to, and

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including the section on Marriage. The meeting then adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. - Friends again assembled & resumed the consideration of the remaining articles of the Discipline, which were adopted.

The attention of the meeting was then turned to the first chapter of the work as presented under the head of "Christian Doctrine", and, after some amendments, it was approved and adopted.

The second chapter then coming in course under the head of "Christian Practice", having received the consideration of the meeting, and some amendments having been made and accepted, it was also approved and adopted.

The meeting then adjourned to the 4th hour to-morrow afternoon.

Sixth day, Afternoon, the 20th. The meeting reassembled, according to adjournment

The several articles which have been adopted by this meeting have now become its discipline, and our subordinate meetings are directed to be governed by its provisions when official copies of this minute are received by them and also copies of the work.

We appoint Charles Taber, John Milton Earle, Henry T. Wood, and William C. Taber to cause an edition of one thousand copies to be printed in good plain type, and to furnish all our subordinate meetings with the number of copies required for their use; the balance of the edition to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of this meeting to be sold to our members at cost

While the meeting has been engaged from sitting to sitting on this important subject, very freely and fully has it been discussed, & although Friends have differed in sentiment to some extent, great love, tender regard and brotherly condescension has been extended, and we thank our Heavenly Father in mercifully condescending to be in our midst and spreading over us his banner of love. The labors of this committee have been satisfactory to this meeting.

26. By the reports received from four of our Quarterly

Meetings a request was contained therein that this meeting would take under their [illegible] consideration the subject of holding general meetings for divine worship within its limits under the care and direction of a committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting. This subject being one of vital importance the meeting, during the consideration of it, was deeply exercised to know the mind of Truth, and a very full expression was given in favor of granting the request, and the men and women representatives now in the attendance of this meeting are requested to confer together, and present to a future Sitting of both men and women friends, in separate sessions, the names of suitable friends to compose a committee to take charge of this concern on behalf of this meeting. And our Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to cooperate with our committee in considering of any application and deciding the same, which may be made for holding a general meeting. And when permission is granted for holding such meetings it will be the duty of the committee to see that a suitable portion of their number are in attendance thereof, and take the meeting under their care and direction; and they are to report to this meeting next year.

The meeting then adjourned, to meet in separate sessions at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Sixth day Morning the 21st. Friends again convened. The representatives present except fourteen; for the absence of eleven, reasons were assigned.

27. Our [illegible] friend [illegible], companion to Zaccheus Powell, presented, at this sitting a minute of concurrence from Scipio Monthly Meeting. He is acceptably with us.

28. The records of our Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were now read, and the attention which that meeting has given to the various subjects claiming its consideration is satisfactory and is approved by this meeting. And the men & women representatives now in the attendance of this Yearly Meeting are directed to confer together and present, to a future sitting, the names of Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting for the ensuing year.

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in accordance with our Discipline

29. The joint committee having charge of the concern of this Yearly Meeting for the freed people of color, present their eighth annual report, as follows:

The committee under appointment to promote efforts for the relief and improvement of the freed people of color present the following report, viz:

After mature deliberation on the part of the committee it was decided that it would be best to continue our mission at Washington for another year, in view of the continued needs of the people and the prospect of further usefulness. The schools were accordingly reopened on the 15th of the 9th Mo. 1871 under the care of our esteemed Friends John H. and Hannah Gove as superintendents and Hannah S. Macomber as principal, assisted by Mary E. Jenkins, Elizabeth P. Nichols, Susan Baker and Jessie [illegible]. And here we would again bear our testimony most gladly to the faithfulness of these, our superintendents and teachers, and their earnest & conscientious devotion to their duties & to the best interests of those intrusted to their care.

The number of scholars was at first small, as the people had received the impression that the mission was to be discontinued, but when it was known that the teachers had returned & the schools were again opened, they soon came in, till the rooms were quite filled, and many more applied than could be received. The number of scholars admitted was about 300, and the average attendance larger than in previous years. One marked improvement has been apparent not only in their punctual attendance, but also in their orderly behavior and cheerful submission to the necessary restraints of the schoolroom which were at first so trying to the impulsive & thoughtless habits of these untrained and restless natures. The trustees of colored schools in the city of Washington furnished us with new desks, blackboards, &c., so that our schoolrooms have been more comfortable and convenient than ever before.

Various members of the committee have, from time to time, visited the mission during the year, & we feel that we have great reason to rejoice in the amount of good that has been accomplished through its [illegible].

The First-day Schools have been regularly kept up and have been well attended, and the interest in the study of the Bible is, we hope, increasing. Hannah Macomber writes, "The number and interest of past years have been fully sustained. This Spring two of our young men have been hopefully converted. They have been members of our First day School for a long time and say they believe that the study of the Scriptures with their teacher was the means of "bringing them to Christ" The committee have read with interest a letter from one of these young men Jackson Davis to H. Macomber expressive of his gratitude to the N.E. Friends for the religious instruction received through the medium of our First-day Schools.

Meetings for religious worship have also been regularly held, on First Day mornings, in the parlor of the Mission-house, attended by most of the members of the family and other Friends residing permanently or temporarily in Washington.

The winter in Washington was a severe & stormy one, work very scarce for sometime after the beginning of the year, and the poor & sick of the neighborhood have greatly missed the care of our friend Sarah E. Wall who was prevented by sickness in her family from resuming her place in the mission until about two months ago. She proposes remaining, however, during the summer, at her own charge, to continue her labors of love & disinterested kindness to the suffering ones.

One child, a delicate little girl named Mary Smith, now about 14 years old, whose mother had died was found about 4 years ago, living in a low Irish family in a degraded condition and subjected to very hard work and unkind treatment. She was taken, by permission of her father, into the mission family, where she has since been [illegible] kindly cared for. She has regularly attended the schools, on First days as well as week days, and has rendered herself very useful in the family & by her uniform good conduct and [illegible] in household affairs, has well repaid the care bestowed. We feel that she may be considered as "a brand snatched from the burning".

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The annual festival near the beginning of the new year was, as in previous years, an occasion of much interest to teachers and scholars as well as to their parents & friends and friends of the Freedmen. They met, on this occasion, at "Lincoln Institute" a large building near by which was kindly offered for the purpose. [illegible] writes "Though the weather was unfavorable, nearly every scholar was present. Thirty two of them had separate parts either in declamation or dialogue, and nearly every member of the school had some part in recitations in concert. Some religious services were also held" Presents were given by the committee to teachers & scholars, for the purchase of which contributions were made by Friends of New Bedford, Providence and Worcester. A valuable box, contributed by Friends of Salem & Lynn was also sent, containing some article for every member of the school; viz., books, pictures, work-boxes, articles of clothing &c., with toys for the little ones. These were received by the children with delight and gratitude. Later in the season, a box was received from [illegible], Mass., containing a large supply of new garments for children, which were truly acceptable, & served to render comfortable many a shivering child. Ten dollars were also contributed by Friends of Weare N.H. through the efforts of our friend Mary [illegible] of [illegible] N.H. for the benefit of the library of the First day School.

It will be remembered that we received in 1865 a donation, from kind Friends in England, as a [illegible] for the purpose of educating teachers. We believe that the donors may feel assured that this generous gift has been judiciously appropriated, & has proved the means of doing much good. Since our last report one of our pupils, Ellen E. Fisher has graduated from the Normal department of Howard University and entered, at once, upon the work of teaching. [illegible] reports that, "Ellen E. Fisher has been teaching all the year, & has been very successful in her school. Her sister Ruth Rebecca Fisher will graduate the present month with every prospect of being an equally successful teacher." The [illegible] efficien service for a short time in our mission school the past winter, during the illness there of our teacher. One of our Scholars, Victoria Shaw, has been selected by the committee as another recipient of the benefits of the fund, and has entered the Normal department of the University to qualify herself for a teacher. Her graduation will about absorb the remainder of the English Normal Fund at our disposal.

In presenting this our eighth annual report, we are sorry to add that we fear it may be our last as regards the mission at Washington. We are grateful that the divine blessing has rested on our efforts, & that we have been permitted to accomplish much good. We trust the Yearly Meeting will not feel that their labors in behalf of the freed people are at an end. The work may be considered as only well begun. These long-suffering people, so recently come out of the land of bondage will, for some time to come, need the fostering, watchful care of the philanthropist and the Christian and we trust way may open for us still to continue to extend a helping hand to educate and elevate them. By the financial report of our affairs herewith presented, it will be observed that our present indebtedness is about ($4000.) four thousand dollars.

After mature deliberation the committee were united in instructing the Trustees to dispose of our real estate & other property in Washington, at such time & in such manner as may appear to them most advisable, and, after paying off the indebtedness of the mission, to hold any balance which may remain, subject to the disposal of the committee for the benefit of the freed people of color in accordance with the original intent of the Yearly Meeting. Inasmuch as it is likely to require a year or more to close up this concern, we recommend the continuance of a committee.

On behalf of the committee

Edward W. Howland
Rebecca C. Grinnell

Newport, 6th mo. 17th 1872.

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## Edward W. Howland in account with Friends' Freedmen's Mission

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| 6th mo 16 | Amount paid Superintendent & teachers | $ 2.015.71 |
| | Family expenses | 1405.14 |
| | Repairs | 134.89 |
| | Insurance | 18.50 |
| | Books | 63.21 |
| | Cow | 34. |
| | | $3.671,45 |

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| Cash on hand 6th Mo. 10.1871. | $ 357.63 |
| By am't received from tenants | 948.90 |
| Board | 46. |
| Milk sold | 30. |
| Cow sold | 34. |
| Donations | 44.57 |
| Trustees of colored schools | 122.72 |
| From E. W. Howland | 2087.63 |
| | $3671,45 |

Edward Howland

Newport, 6mo. 16.1872

Note. - The Trustees hold personal & real estate valued at about $7000. The Mission is indebted to E. W. Howland and Joseph Grinnell for money advanced & interest up to 6th mo. 16. 1872, $4.004,17-.

Which being read & considered was satisfactory and is approved by us.

The care & attention which they have bestowed during the past year in promoting the well-being of that class of our fellow-men have, we believe, been largely blessed to that much injured people; and the committee now under appointment on that service are continued, and they are encouraged to proceed in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report. And they are directed to make such disposition of the funds remaining after the debts are paid as their best judgement may dictate, in conformity with the minute made at the time of their appointment, and report to this meeting next year.

Names of Committee. Edward W. Howland, Benjamin Buffum, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, Edward Earle

John G. Whittier, Joseph Cartland, Charles B. Cates, Joseph Grinnell, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles W. Coffin, Henry T. Wood, Thomas E. Stine, Moses Sawyer, William H. Brown, Ann B. Earle, Gulielma M. Howland, Ellen H. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Eliza B. Boyce, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, Ann Maria Coffin, Ruth B. Gifford, Elizabeth A. Mitchell, Mary Osborne, and Margaret B. Cates.

30. The following letter and copies of correspondence received from the Philadelphia Association, are read, and are interesting to this meeting; and the clerk is directed to incorporate them in our printed minutes, viz:

To the Freedmen's Committee of the New England Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends, - The Association of Friends of Philadelphia and vicinity for the relief of colored freedmen report, That the address to the King & Cortes of Spain upon the subject of the discontinuance of Slavery in the Spanish Dominions, signed on behalf of eight of the Yearly Meetings and by the officers of this Association, was forwarded in First month last to our friend Joseph Cooper of England, one of the secretaries of the British & Foreign Anti-Slavery Society. After translation into the Spanish language, the address was sent by him to Spain & presented to the King by Julio L. de Vizcarrondo, one of the honorary secretaries of the Abolition Society of Madrid.

A letter from Joseph Cooper, of which a copy is subjoined, gives information as to the manner of its reception by the King. The letter is as follows

"Essex Hall, Walthamstow, Eng., 24th 4th Mo., 1872

My dear friend John B. Garrett,

I am glad to be able, at length, to inform thee that the Friends' Address has been presented to the King of Spain. It was presented a few days ago at a private interview by Julio L. de Vizcarrondo, one of the Honorary Secretaries of the Abolition Society of Madrid, who had some previous acquaintance with the King. He received the address very kindly and cordially, and inquired to whom he should send an acknowledgement of its reception. The whole leaves on mind an impression that the step was a right one for Friends to take. Enclosed is the Address in Spanish.

We shall now give it a wide circulation in Spain.
"With grateful appreciation of what thou and other friends have ~~do~~kindly done

Remain thine sincerely,

Joseph Cooper"

With these [illegible] we express a trust that He who has shown his tender care for every human being, in that He spared not His own only Son, but delivered Him up for us all, has blessed, and will further bless this effort to promote the removal of Slavery from Christendom.

" With Christian love we are thy sincere friends

Signed on behalf of the Association

James E. Rhoads, President

[illegible] Secretary

Philadelphia, 6mo. 14th. 1872.

As matter of interest in this connection Joseph Cooper sends a slip from a liberal Spanish paper "La Discusion" printed at Madrid "19th April 1872." In this paper the address is published in full, prefaced by some comments, of which the following is a translation.

"A Petition. Out of respect to the excellent [illegible] religious [illegible] the following manifesto, we give it place in the columns of our journal. From two thousand leagues of distance, the Quakers of America address Don Amadeo of Savoy, in order to say to him what this gentleman knows, and what no man of respectable position doubts, that Slavery is an infamy, & that it renders infamous and degraded the man or the nation which supports it. Amadeo will have read this [illegible] shrugged his shoulders.

Not many days ago, we were first in publishing another document of this kind which the ladies of Birmingham addressed to Donna Maria Victoria, begging her to intercede for the poor slaves. The whole press reproduced that writing, and as the whole result a ministerial journal has said to us that this virtuous lady [illegible] greatly the misfortunes of the slaves, but as Constitutional Queen, could not interfere in the government of the country.

To-day the same will be said with respect to Amadeo and we assert that the Emperor of Brazil respects more than any other monarch the constitution of his country and to him is due more than to any other man in that ~~country~~ Empire the movement in favor of liberty, which will put an end, in the American continent, to the rule of barbarism. Here is the document."

31. The committee in charge of our boarding school presented the subjoined report, which being read & considered by this meeting, and taking into consideration the great want which was long exhibited for increased & better accommodations in the boys' part of the house, and in the domestic arrangements; and the committee having acted in accordance with the authority given them in their appointment by minute, of last year, of this meeting, their proceedings are approved.

The same committee are reappointed to carry forward the concerns of this very interesting subject, the education of our youth, for the ensuing year, in accordance with the minute of their appointment at our last meeting; and the treasurer of this Yearly Meeting is directed and authorized to loan such an amount of money on the credit of this meeting as may be required to complete the work as specified in their report; and the committee are directed to report their doings to us next year

Names of School Committee

Men's Committee! David Buffum, William C. Taber, Charles W. Webber, Edward Earle, Thomas B. Nichols, William P. Tuttle, William H. Robinson, [illegible] C. Smith, Moses Bailey, Samuel Boyce, Charles H. [illegible], [illegible] F. Coffin of Lynn, Richard Battey, George Howland Jr, Charles Taber and Edward W. Howland.

Women's Committee.— Sarah F. Tobey, Eliza B. [illegible], Mary C. Hawkes, Ann R. Colton, Rachel B. Nichols, Eliza P. Varney, Gertrude W. Cartland, Dorcas B. Robinson, Ann B. Earle, [illegible] C. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] W. Cartland, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] D. Bailey and Gulielma Freeborn.

To the Yearly Meeting

The committee appointed to have the charge & oversight of

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the boarding school at Providence, report that they have endeavored to discharge the duty assigned them, & that they can thankfully acknowledge that, with the divine blessing on their efforts and the faithful cooperation of the officers and teachers, the school has sustained its previous high character and, we trust, has been a blessing to many of its inmates. Harmony has prevailed in the establishment. The discipline of the school has been maintained, & the pupils have shown a satisfactory progress in their studies. The number of pupils during the Autumn term was one hundred ninety one, viz.; one hundred nineteen boys & seventy two girls; Spring term, one hundred seventy, viz. one hundred eight boys & sixty two girls.

The officers of the school the past year have been; Albert K. Smiley, principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department, John F. Rowell, George E. Dudley, Jessie I. King, Martha E. Read & Mary Amy Sellers, teachers of English branches, Thomas J. Battey teacher of Natural Science, Daniel C. Mayfield, teacher of Mathematics, Alonzo Williams, teacher of Greek, Latin, and German. Charles H. Gates teacher of French, J. Lewis Diman lecturer on History, and Katharine H. Austin teacher of Drawing.

The pupils and family attend the meeting for worship held in Providence, on First day forenoons & in the middle of the week. First day afternoons are occupied with Scripture lessons for the whole school. Portions of Scripture are daily read to the assembled school in the morning and also before retiring to their rooms at night.

The committee have felt that there was cause for thankfulness in witnessing the general good conduct of the young people attending the school, & the evident religious concern that they have observed to prevail among the officers and teachers, & in a hopeful and encouraging degree with many of the pupils. They would commend the school, and those associated with its management, to the sympathy and interest of Friends.

During the last summer vacation the large lodging-rooms occupied by the boys were divided into smaller rooms; two new passage-ways were opened connecting the first and second stories of the central building with the boys' wing; the nurseries were greatly improved by the addition of a new bath-room in each story and other needful accessories; the class-rooms were refitted & refurnished, and a new steam-cooking apparatus was introduced into the kitchen. The whole expense of these repairs and improvements was $8,721.33.

The indebtedness of the School, as shown in the Report of the committee last year, was $149.05; but when the settlement for the School year ending 6th mo. 30th 1871. was made, there proved to be $1.441.78 more of profit than was estimated, which paid the debt and left a balance in favor of the school of $1,292.73. The estimated earnings of the school for the present year are $3,024, making the gross assets $4,316.73, which deducted from the amount expended in alterations and improvements as stated $8,721.33 leaves an indebtedness of $4,404.60.

The auditing committee have also presented a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the School Fund, and of the Charitable Fund, including the E. Metcalf and other donations which are as follows:

School Fund, 5mo., 1872.

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| Cr. | Balance on hand last year | $ 17.06 | |
| | Income of the fund | 6974.70 | |
| | Returned insurance premium | 236.59 | $7,228.35 |
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| Dr. | Paid insurance premium | $ 305.00 | |
| | Paid A. K. Smiley, per receipts, | 6904.97 | |
| | Balance in hand 5mo. 1872 | 18.38 | $7,228.35 |

Charitable Fund, etc.

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| Cr. | On hand last year, 5mo. 1871 | $1,209.73 | |
| | x Income from the fund | 2.309.52 | $3,519.25 |
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| Dr. | Paid school bills, tuition & 2 scholars | $2700.00 | |
| | Balance in hand 5mo., 1872 | 819.25 | $3.519.25 |

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Since their last report, the committee have, as em by the Yearly Meeting, sold the lot of land cut off fr the school premises by the extension of Thayer St. for ($17.732.75) Seventeen thousand, Seven hundred, thirty t dollars and 75/100 which amount was placed in the hands of Thomas Harkness treasurer of the School fund.

On the receipt of the above named sum the committee felt authorized to proceed with the proposed addition to the west wing of the school building; & accordingl an addition is now in course of erection seventy six feet long & forty four wide, three stories high, the first story of which is to be occupied for the boys' school room, and the second and third floors as lodging-rooms for the b and their teachers. This arrangement will give the b commodious school-room more than twice the size of their present one, and will add materially to the comfort and welfare of pupils and teachers. The old school-room will be divided into class-rooms for recitations, which are much needed.

In the 4th month last, the subcommittee appointed to have charge of the erection of the new building, was authorized to make the necessary contracts to complete the alterations & improvements contemplated in the w wing of the main building in connection with the new one. The now presented are as follows:

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| Estimated cost of new building | $25,000.00 |
| For steam heating apparatus, alterations in dining-rooms & class-rooms, new drains & expence of introducing aqueduct water &c. | $16.394.00 |
| | $41.394.00 |
| To meet this this outlay there has been received for land sold | $17.732.75 |
| Claim on the city of Providence for land taken for Thayer Street, say | 6,000. |
| | 23.732.75 |
| Deficiency | 17.661.25 |
| Add balance of indebtedness before reported | 4.004.60 |
| Leaving a balance unprovided for of | 22.065.85 |

This, it is thought, can be paid by the income from th school in a few years of ordinary success, as the net profits for the past five years has been over twenty five thousand dollars

It is proposed that the charge for board & tuition the ensuing school year of forty weeks, be the same as last year, viz.; For members of our Yearly Meeting $100.

For members of other Yearly Meetings or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such $190.

For all others that may be admitted $300.

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German and Drawing.

One half payable at the commencement of the year, & one half at the opening after recess

On behalf and by direction of the committee

Wm. C. Taber, clerk.

Note. The Autumn term begins 9 mo. 4, 1872 closes 1 mo., 22. 1873.
The Winter recess " 1 " 22d, 1873 " " 2d mo., 5th, 1873.
The Spring term " 2 " 5th 1873 " " 6th mo., 25th, 1873

Regulations of the School Committee. — Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the first of eighth month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date, after which, applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds, or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation should apply at the time above specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits and literary attainments of the applicant.

All applications should be made to the Principal. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal Friends' Boarding School Providence R.I.

32. A testimony from Providence Monthly Meeting, indorsed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, commemorating our beloved friend Gilbert Congdon, deceased, was read, and on the reading of which, the memory of this dear friend was brought afresh and sweetly to our remembrance. His life was one of great purity and virtue, and he was a living member of the church. The testimony was approved and directed to be recorded.

33. The representatives having been directed to propose

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the names of a suitable number of friends to constitute a committee on behalf of this meeting, on the subject of holding General Meetings, presented the following names, which are acceptable to this meeting and they are appointed on that service for the ensuing year viz.;

Names of Committee. George Brown, Gideon C. Smith, Cynthia Brown, Deborah H. Cartland, Samuel Boyce, John Pope, Eliza J. Dow, Abigail M. Hanson, W. E. [illegible], David H. [illegible], Anna G. Wood, [illegible], Abraham Winslow, Oliver Jones, Jane C. [illegible], Emma D. Cartland, Richard Butler, Sam'l M. Colton, Ann H. Colton, Lydia Haight, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Sybil Jones, [illegible], Albert C. Buffum, [illegible] Pratt, Martha A. Pratt, Hannah G. Sawyer, Joseph Taylor, Charles F. Coffin, Senr., Lavinia M. Briggs, Hannah F. Bailey, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Edmund W. Howland, Rachel S. Howland, Maria B. Jones, Eliza T. Gardner and Ruth S. Wood.

34. George Douglass is appointed correspondent of [illegible]

Adjourned to the 4th hour this P.M.

Afternoon. The meeting again assembled

35. The committee on the subject of Education presented the following report, viz.:

Report of the Committee on Education to the Yearly Meeting;

The committee to whom has been intrusted the important subject of Education in our Yearly Meeting present the following report. We give statistics from all the Monthly Meetings except two not heard from.

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| The whole No. of children belonging to the Yearly Meeting between the ages of five and twenty one years | 730. |
| The No. of Monthly Meeting Schools | 1. |
| " family " | 4. |
| " children who have attended School past yr | 686. |
| " ditto, att'g ditto, taught by Fds or under their control | 218. |
| No. attending schools, Academies or Colleges not under the care of Friends | 40. |
| No. of our members engaged in teaching | 113. |

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| The No. of First day schools under care of Friends | 57 |
| " average time of holding said schools | 9 months |
| " whole No. attending same | 2,749 |
| " average " | 1,572 |
| " No. of our members attending | 1,047 |
| " No. over 21 years of age | 760 |
| " " Friends ditto " | 644 |
| " " Teachers | 253 |
| " Bible classes not connected with said schools | 8 |
| " average time | 4 months |
| " whole No. belonging to the same | 169 |
| " Average " | 118 |
| " No. Friends belonging to such | 100 |
| " No. of particular meetings without School or Bible class | 16 |
| " No. of births during the year | 27 |
| " " admitted by request | [illegible] |
| " " added by certificate | 13 |
| " No. removed " " | 16 |
| " No. deceased | 112 |
| " whole number belonging to the Yearly Meeting | 4,226 |

Hereafter the statistical information concerning the number of members &c, being provided for by the adoption of a clause in the new book of Discipline, & in view of the [illegible] difficulty experienced in obtaining details of the tables, we would recommend that hereafter the information be obtained by the different Monthly Meetings and forwarded by the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting to the Yearly Meeting.

We would again express our sense of the great responsibility that rests upon our society in regard to the education of our youth. They are committed to our care, and an account will be required for every one. Their physical needs are provided for by the patient toil and tender care of their parents. [illegible] are their mental & spiritual needs supplied? Are they taught the wonders of God's visible creation, so that, from the contemplation of his works, they can look up to Him with reverence? Are their minds so strengthened by study that they may the better serve him who has given them intellect; and above all, are they taught that all these powers of mind are given by our Heavenly Father, are to

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be improved to the utmost for his service & can only be used effectually by his divine aid? Let us, as a Society, carefully consider these queries.

We would suggest that a new committee be appointed, consisting of one man and one woman friend from each Monthly Meeting as correspondents, as heretofore, with [illegible] three chosen at large from among the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] qualified to judge of the need of a higher culture of individuals [illegible] the best means of attaining it.

On behalf of the committee
Lydia E. Sawyer, Cle

Newport, 6th mo. 20th 1872.

It was read and approved, and the information contained therein was interesting and [illegible] to us. We appointed Joseph E. [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] Wood, [illegible], Richard Batley, Jonathan Estes, Joseph H. Pratt and Reuben E. Jones to unite with a like committee of women friends to consider of and present at our next sitting, the names of a committee to take charge of this concern for the ensuing year.

36. The committee under appointment as per minute of last year, for the dissemination & circulation amongst the public of such documents [illegible] as will tend to the spreading of our principles against all wars and fighting, presents the following report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The joint committee to promote efforts in the cause of Peace, report that, during the past year, their efforts have been mostly confined to the dissemination of reading matter bearing upon the subject. We procured nearly 500 copies of Dymond's Inquiry on War, and a supply of "[illegible] in Peace, [illegible] [illegible]". [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] showing the practical efficacy of the principles of Peace when maintained with constancy. These, with [illegible] of pamphlets & smaller tracts have been kindly received, and, in many instances, we find the subject has been met, not only with

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respectful attention and many their appreciation.
The committee have also paid for 215 weekly papers to the "Angel of Peace", a small paper published by the American Peace Society and made especially adapted to youthful Readers. These papers have been forwarded from the office of publication to Sabbath schools of different denominations in various parts of the country. The balance of money in the hands of the committee last year was

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| | $44.88 |
| Collection at Peace Meeting last year | 107.65 |
| Contributions of Friends while in Newport | 235. |
| Donations from Friends since Y. Meeting | 46. |
| Books sold | 4. |
| | $437.53 |
| Pd for Publications of Peace Association of Friends | 91.65 |
| Pd. for " [illegible] Meeting [illegible] | 50. |
| Pd " " " American Peace Society | 56.20 |
| Paid " Tracts from other sources | 8.25 |
| Paid Expense transportation | 6.36 |
| | $212.46 |
| Balance in hands of committee | 225.07 $437.53 |

We believe that a field is still open for the dissemination of reading matter in a convenient form, which, while it inculcates the Christian principle of [illegible] on the subject, may also diffuse just ideas of the terrible suffering, the social evil, the wanton waste and destruction, as well as the frightful cost of war

We trust that Friends will feel engaged by active cooperation and by liberal contributions to aid this important work

On behalf of the committee
Eli Jones
Newport 8mo. 15th 1872. [illegible]

Which being read was interesting, and the amount accomplished by them during the year is satisfactory to the meeting; and the committee are reappointed another year, and are encouraged that they should not every right opening for the advancement of the cause of Peace on earth, and good will to men.

Committee. Eli Jones, David Buffum, John H. [illegible] Joseph H. Atwater, Timothy B. Hussey, Matthew Austin, Charles C. Varney, Edward W. Howland, Samuel R. Buffinton, Joseph Cartland, George Richardson, Charles M. Bailey, Charles Taber, Gideon Wood, John Wood, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph C. Macomber, Henry S. Wood, Nathaniel Gifford, George H. Pope, Herod Chase, Charles A. Nichols, Edward Y. Austin

37. A testimony given forth by New Bedford Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting concerning that dear Servant of the Lord, Susan Howland, deceased, was read whose life and long years of service in the cause of her dear Master were brought very impressively to our minds. Her loving words and godly example will long be remembered by us. The testimony was approved and directed to be recorded.

38. The committee appointed upon the reprint of the London General Epistle of 1871, informed the meeting that 3.000 copies of the edition were now ready for delivery.

39. The consideration of the proposition from Western Yearly Meeting, received last year, proposing a general conference formed of delegates from all the Yearly Meetings of Friends in America who correspond with them, was referred to this meeting; and having at this time received from them the following minute it was read, considered and united with; and William C. Taber, Richard Batty, William A. Tomlinson, Samuel Boyce, George Howland, Joseph Cartland, Charles Taber and Eli Jones are appointed to unite with women friends and present at a future sitting the names of five men and five women to constitute delegates to the proposed convention.

50. The committee appointed at a former sitting to prepare a minute of the action of the different Yearly Meetings in relation to the proposition of this meeting for holding a General Conference made the following, which was approved and directed to be appended to the epistles issued to other Yearly Meetings:

Report

To the Yearly Meeting: We would propose the

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inute of adoption of the following minute as information
ference Y. M. to the American Yearly Meetings & that it be appended to our epistles to them, viz.:

"Having received, at this time, information from New England, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Ohio Yearly Meetings favorable to the holding of a
general conference as proposed by this meeting last year, and that Western, Iowa, Canada Yearly Meetings defer their decisions on the subject for another year, and New York Yearly Meeting having suggested the propriety of postponing the time of meeting until the 11th month, said proposed change is satisfactory to this Meeting, and we accordingly propose that said conference meet on the last Second-day in 11th mo. 1872 at 10 o'clock A. M.

The following suggestion is received from Baltimore Yearly Meeting:

"We believe that there are periods in the history of the Church when it is called upon to reaffirm its doctrines, testimonies and mission."

"In this day of awakened religious interest and inquiry among persons not members, and others who are being drawn to us in various sections; in the multiplication of Yearly Meetings and the rapid increase of membership in some parts, we believe the time is not far distant when a general conference of the Yearly Meetings of this continent and of London and Dublin would be desirable to reaffirm the doctrines, testimonies & mission of the Religious Society of Friends, and, without infringing upon the authority & independence of the several Yearly Meetings in their respective limits, consider subjects which affect our common membership and welfare."

"We believe such a council, composed of delegates, appointed under the promptings and held under the authority of Him who is Head over all things to His Church" would bind us more closely together as one people and strengthen us as a church.

Baltimore 10 mo. 25th 1870.

We see nothing in the suggestion here made, but that may be considered included in the proposition

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"of this meeting last year. We would leave the general council free to consider, mature and report all such matters as, in their judgement, may concern the general welfare of our Society and to determine what questions should claim its future consideration.

We unite with the proposal from New York, that committees of said general council be jointly of men and women friends.

On behalf of the committee

B. C. Hobbs"

40. The committee appointed at a previous sitting to audit the treasurer's accounts presented the following report, to wit:

To the Yearly Meeting

The committee appointed to examine & settle the accounts of the Treasurer, to propose the [illegible] to be raised the ensuing year and bring forward the name of a friend for Treasurer report, as follows

Receipts

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| Balance from last year's account | $ 2741. |
| Received from the Quar. Meetings | 5000. |
| Received interest on Boston bonds | 600. |
| Received " on Jon. Hoppin's note | 17.15 |
| Received dividend of Eagle Bank, Providence | 100 |
| | $ 8.458,15 |

Expenditures

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| Paid balance of traveling expenses of Friends our own members attending Yearly Meeting | $ 122.00 |
| Pd. sundry exp. at Newport during Y. Mtg week including board of Friends from abroad with certif.ts | 653.62 |
| Paid rent of room for Boston meeting | 312. |
| Pd expenses holding mtgs in Boston | 146.91 |
| Paid for recording &c. | 56.94 |
| Paid appropriation to Indian fund | 850. |
| Paid on acc.t of appropriation to First day Schools | 75. |
| " N. Breed for money p.d to a friend traveling (in ministry) | 25. |
| " Interest on notes $757.93, Pd principal on do. $2000 — $ | 2757.93 |
| Paid printing bills | 332.25 |
| " Insurance premium on Yearly Meeting house | 29.75 |
| Balance in the hands of the Treasurer | 2896.75 |

We find proper vouchers for the expenditures, and are united in the opinion that the sum of five thousand dollars be raised for the use of the meeting the ensuing year, and we are also united in proposing George Howland Jr., for Treasurer.
The present indebtedness of the meeting by note is five thousand dollars, with interest from 15th of 4th month last.
For the committee
Newport, 6mo. 19th 1872          Thomas Harkness

Which was considered and is accepted; and our Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward their respective proportions of five thousand dollars, the sum proposed to be raised, to George Howland, Jr., who is reappointed treasurer of this meeting for the ensuing year, and he is directed to pay all bills audited and approved by the clerk of this Yearly Meeting or the clerk of the Representative Meeting, before payment is made.

41. The committee appointed last year to receive from Gideon C. Smith, the retiring treasurer of this meeting, the books and papers and property of the meeting, & place them in the hands of George Howland Jr. the treasurer appointed in his stead, presented the following report which is satisfactory to the meeting, to wit:

To the Yearly Meeting

The committee appointed to receive the books, papers and funds in the hands of Gideon C. Smith, late treasurer, and place them in the hands of George Howland Jr., our present treasurer, report the service performed. The books and papers received from the late treasurer, Gideon C. Smith, with twenty seven hundred & forty one dollars in cash, ten thousand dollars in Boston City Bonds, a certificate of [illegible] shares of stock in the Eagle Bank, Providence, and a note of William J. [illegible] for Five Hundred Seventy One Dollars & forty one cents have been placed in the hands of our present treasurer, George Howland, Jr..
James Dennis
Newport. 6mo 19th. 1872          Thomas Harkness

42. The representatives in the attendance of this Yearly Meeting, as directed in accordance with our discipline, presented the following names, viz:

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Daniel Buffum, Benj Tucker, Samuel Boyce, William C. Taber, William A. Robinson, Charles J. Tucker, George Rowland Jr., Stephen Jones, Ellen W. Buffum, Rebecca Earle, [illegible] W. Rowland, Eliza B. Boyce, Henry T. Wood, Charles G. Coffin of Lynn, Sarah Breed, David H. Allen, Richard Jones, Sarah Douglass, Rachel A. Rowland, Hannah S. Sawyer, Eli Jones, Jane C. [illegible] Richard Battey, Jacob R. Purinton, Moses Bailey, Ann B. Earle, [illegible] Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph Cartland, Russell Hayes, Sybil Jones, Stephen Chase, Timothy B. Hussey, William O. Newhall, Samuel L. [illegible], [illegible] W. Cartland, Hannah [illegible], Hannah J. Bailey, [illegible] Sawyer, [illegible], Sarah W. Farr, & Owen Dame: to constitute a Representative Meeting for the ensuing year to act on behalf of this meeting, during its recess, upon all subjects claiming their attention, according to our discipline.

43. The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Lewis Bedell & [illegible] [illegible] Collins, [illegible] H. [illegible], William [illegible], [illegible] C. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] B. Hathaway, Edward C. [illegible], William [illegible], [illegible] M. [illegible], Eliza H. [illegible], Daniel H. Hill, Catharine Moore & Ruth C. Hall:
- Our valued friend, Lewis Bedell, attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

44. The clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for Maria Willets, a minister and for our friends John T. Comstock, Lydia M. Jenkins, Rachel [illegible], Allen M. & Sally G. Gorland, Richmond Hathaway and Chauncey B. Thorne:
- Our valued friend, Maria Willets attended this meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock this evening

3 o'clock P.M. Friends again convened
45. Essays of epistles addressed to the Yearly

Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada, and one to the new Yearly Meeting to be held in Kansas in the 10th month next, and also one to our dear friends in Norway were read and approved; and the clerk is directed to write & sign them on behalf of this meeting and forward them to those meetings respectively.

46. The Representative Meeting is authorized, should such action be found necessary, to procure on behalf of the Yearly Meeting any legislation to legalize the provisions of the rules of discipline adopted by this meeting upon the subject of marriage.

47. The committee appointed this afternoon for that service, presented the following names to constitute a committee on the very important subject of Education, viz.:

Joseph E. Macomber, Charles W. Earle, Samuel K. Buffinton, Edward W. Collins, Thomas J. Battey, George C. Herbert, Mc. Alton Bailey, Charles H. Jones, Owen W. Hoxie, Nathan T. Shepherd, George W. Francis, John A. Macomber, Edward T. Tucker, George Douglass, Charles W. Webber, Charles A. Nichols, Silas H. Cartland, William C. Munroe, John B. Daniels, Thomas A. Wheeler, J. Albert Jenkins, J. William Jacob, [illegible], Albert C. Hill, Timothy B. Hussey, Russell Hoag, Isaac Wilson, Isaac Hawkes, Benjamin T. Shepard, Augustine Jones, John B. Bayliss, John H. Crossman, Charles [illegible], Richard M. Jones, John W. [illegible], Charles C. [illegible], [illegible], Jesse T. [illegible], Timothy W. Earle, Henry Wilson Dudley, Saml Buffum, Albert K. Smiley, Samuel Austin, Olney T. Meader, Isaac R. Potter, Mary W. Atwater, Susan Ann Gifford, [illegible], Mary Alice Brown, Hannah B. Sawyer, Susan Sabin, Rebecca L. Ewer, S. Jane Coy, Esther Jones, Lydia Pope, Elizabeth Cobb, Caroline C. Earle, Sarah Dow, Sarah Osborne, Almira B. Buffum, Lydia E. Sawyer, Jane H. W. Durgin, Abigail C. Beede, Phebe W. Wadsworth, [illegible], Shepherd, Elizabeth Ann Slade, Hett Potter, Emily E. [illegible]

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[illegible] L. Chase, [illegible] J. Congdon, Anna M. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Elizabeth [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Louisa P. Hoag, Anna G. Ward, Lizzie M. Hawkes. Their names were approved and we desire that they will ask for strength of him who giveth liberally to enable them to labor effectually for the advancement of a literary and religious education of our youth.

The committee appointed this afternoon have presented the names of Samuel Boyce, Eli Jones, [illegible], William [illegible], Henry T. Wood, Eliza B. Boyce, Sybil Jones, Gertrude W. Cartland, Rebecca C. Grinnell, & Susan Taber as delegates to the conference proposed by Western Yearly Meeting to be held in the eleventh month next.

[illegible] are approved and [illegible] authorized to attend said conference on our behalf, provided all the American Yearly Meetings which have been referred to, join in this important engagement.

The clerk is authorized to make any necessary extracts from our minutes.

[illegible] is appointed treasurer of the Boarding School Fund for the ensuing year.

William C. Taber is appointed to assist the clerk in causing two thousand copies of the Minutes of this meeting to be printed and sent down to the Quarterly Meetings in the usual proportions for distribution.

The important [illegible] which has claimed our attention during this meeting has been transacted in much [illegible]. We [illegible] to return thanks to our Heavenly Father, who has [illegible] in our midst. We separate in brotherly love, proposing to meet again at this place at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Charles R. Tucker Clerk

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# Summary of Answers

Ans. 1. All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been attended except forty eight (48) sessions, and one report says two small meetings were omitted in a few instances; for the most of which omissions reasons are assigned. Those on First day, by the greater part of our members, in the middle of the week and for discipline, they are much neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed: some instances of sleeping; of other unbecoming behavior mostly clear.

Ans 2d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained except in three Quarterly Meetings where deficiencies in some are apparent. Detraction not enough guarded against. Care is taken to end differences.

Ans 3d. Friends, with few exceptions are in good measure concerned to bring up those under their care in plainness, and to guard them against pernicious reading & corrupt conversation, and to be exemplary therein themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families.

Ans 4th. Spirituous liquors, with eleven exceptions, confined to medicinal purposes; taverns and places of public resort mostly avoided; moderation and temperance observed on the occasions referred to.

Ans 5th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved; their children partake of learning. None placed out.

Ans. 6th. Friends are careful in the several parts of this query, with a few exceptions in regard to marriage.

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Ans. 7th. There are several instances of our me bers contributing to a paid ministry, and two cases of military training. We know of no violatio of our testimonies in the other parts of this query

Ans. 8th. We believe Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, punctua to their times with little exception and first in the payment of debts, and endeavor to li within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9th. Careful as to records: several withu certificates, some care taken.

Ans. 10th. Friends are generall careful to de with offenders as queried after, and to place judgment, when necessary according to discipline.

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# Epistles
## From New England Yearly Meeting

### 1. To London Yearly Meeting

Dear friends

Your acceptable epistle of last month was received and read at this time to our encouragement. We have also received acceptable epistolary communications from other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, all of which afford the comforting evidence that, as a branch of the Christian church, we are one people, and that we are all striving together to build upon the sure foundation Jesus Christ, the Rock of ages, that repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ continue to be our theme and our only hope of salvation. How pertinent to the condition of the penitent heart is the language of the apostle "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom, also, we have access through faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God"

We live in a remarkable period in the history of the world. The blessed Head of the church is pouring out his Spirit upon the inhabitants of the earth in a pre-eminent degree, and the knowledge of the way of life & salvation through a crucified Savior is spreading in foreign lands where darkness and idolatry have hitherto reigned. This should stimulate us to increased diligence, watchfulness and prayer in order that we may see clearly what part we are individually to take in the blessed work. It should stimulate us to let our lights so shine that others may see our good works & glorify our Father in Heaven. We believe it was through the in-shining of the light of Christ in the heart, that our worthy predecessors in the truth were called upon to lay aside various forms and ceremonies prevailing in the religious world & to hold up to view the truths of the Gospel in greater simplicity and purity.

And we desire that the principles & testimonies of [illegible] [illegible] suffering [illegible] [illegible] none of them may fall to the ground!

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It is encouraging to believe that these principles and testimonies are finding place more and more in the hearts of the children of men; - some evidence of which we think we have in the attempt which is being made by your government and ours to settle the difficulties between our two nations by peaceful arbitration; and we ardently desire that the efforts of those who constitute the joint commission, may be crowned with success; - that, in a spirit of mutual concession & forbearance, an example may be set by our two great nations which may prove a lasting blessing to mankind & tend to forward the coming of that blessed day when wars shall cease, and the kingdoms of this world shall become "the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ"

Our meeting the present year has been well attended and we have had the company of many young friends, who are giving evidence by their solid deportment that they are under the preparing hand for usefulness in the Church.

We have the company of divers Friends from other Yearly Meetings who have not failed to proclaim, in our midst, the unsearchable riches of Christ, and our meetings have been owned with an evidence of the presence of the great Head of the church.

"Our Committee to unite with the committees of other Yearly Meetings in taking measures for the benefit of the Indians in the far West, informs that attention has been given to their appointment. In company with several of said committees some of their number visited them & met with them in their councils several times. They state that they have an increasing desire to leave their wandering habits & follow agricultural pursuits, that they have built school houses & established schools, have erected houses for religious worship and are gradually adopting those habits of civilized life which may tend to the promotion of their welfare and happiness; & we have reason to believe that the efforts made for their improvement have been blessed."

With the salutation of love we remain your friends

Signed on behalf of the meeting

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To Ireland

Dear friends

Your interesting epistle of last month was received and read to our comfort & encouragement; and the salutary counsel therein contained has renewedly [illegible] us, that though widely separated bodily, yet we are spiritually closely united in the Lord Jesus, our only hope and Head. May he ever be the chief cornerstone, the Rock of our deliverance.

We have, at this time the acceptable company of many dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings on this continent whose gospel labors have been encouraging and strengthening to us.

Our committee on Indian affairs has been enabled to attend to its duties, and our efforts on behalf of this much abused race have been fully sympathized with by our government, and every facility extended to Friends to carry on their labors of love, the success of which we can thankfully acknowledge, has been such as to demonstrate anew the practical character of the principles of peace as professed by us.

The committee on the care of the Freedmen, report that their schools in and around Washington has been successful the past year, and that about Two hundred & fifty children have enjoyed the benefits of their schools. The improved condition of these poor people enable them to provide and care for themselves & families. In looking back upon this labor of eight years we feel that our Heavenly Father has blessed the work of our hands; and our desire is that the seed sown may bring forth fruit to His praise and glory.

Our committee on Education have made their usual report, by which it appears that nearly all our children are attending schools for scriptural instruction. It is our earnest effort to increase, both in numbers & usefulness, these nurseries of the church.

Our Boarding School committee report that institution in a flourishing condition. The additions and improvements made a few years since have greatly increased its means of usefulness, and further additions are proposed which will greatly

The committee appointed four years ago to revise our Book of Discipline, have made their report which was consid ed in joint session. In the preparation of this impor- tant document, some [illegible] and while in all deliberative bodies, individuals differ in judgement, yet the mutual concessions & spi of submission to the prevailing sentiment of the maj- ity [illegible] together as brothers in the Lord. We feel more fully united in faith & love than ever before.

The subject of holding general meetings for divine worship in accordance with the ancient practice of our Society was brought before us by seve of our Quarterly Meetings and the matter fully consi ered in joint session, and a committee was appoint by the meeting to [illegible] with committees of [illegible] Meetings on this account. The holding of such meet- ings has been allowed by several of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, and they report most grati ing results. Many whose lives had been careless and indifferent, have been awakened to their true condition and have sought by sincere repentance for that pardon, forgiveness and reconciliation with God which must precede the living of that holy life without which n man can see the Lord.

Our meeting has been well attended, and the various matters of business brought before us have all been transacted in that spirit of lo and forbearance which should always characterize th the professed followers of Him who was without sin [illegible]

Finally, brethren, farewell; and may the God of peace be and abid with you forever.

With the salutation of love we are your friends

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Clerk

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To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in New York

Dear friends

Your acceptable epistle of the present year was received and read in our meeting; and the encouraging description given of your Christian work and its blessed results has served to stimulate and warm our hearts and to stir us up to greater diligence in the service of our Lord, and to a desire for a more complete devotedness to His blessed cause of truth and righteousness in the earth.

May all both with us and you be so fully awakened to the blessedness of an entire submission to the will of our heavenly Father in all things that it may become our chiefest joy to spend and be spent in His service and in the [illegible] of the [illegible] heavenly [illegible] righteousness [illegible].

We have been favored with the company of many of the Lord's servants from other Yearly Meetings, sent among us, as we believe, with a gospel message which has been freely given forth to our edification; and we have felt to acknowledge the care and loving-kindness of the great Head of the Church in thus providing for the needs of the flock in this part of the heritage.

Your account of the favorable results derived from the holding of general meetings [illegible] has been [illegible] to many minds and we have been encouraged to engage in the same good work trusting that we, too, might derive benefit therefrom; and we can but trust that as these meetings are held in the Name of God, as [illegible] His name should be, they will be an instrumentality for good, not only to ourselves but also to our neighbors, and that many [illegible] to Christ [illegible] living Head, - to him and the Father, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, be all the praise.

The revision of our Book of Discipline has engaged our attention for several years past, and has resulted, at this time, in the adoption, - with

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a few amendments - of the work of our committee on this subject. While a difference of views was entertained and expressed by many of our members, in relation to parts of the work, we were comforted & encouraged by the Christian consideration evinced by Friends for the [illegible] have felt strengthened and more closely bound together in the bonds of the gospel by the harmonious result that was finally attained.

The concern of Friends on behalf of the Western tribes of Indians still remains with us and we trust the efforts & prayers of the body of our Society on their behalf will not be wanting to promote their advancement in the knowledge of God and his dear Son their Savior and our Savior, as well as the acknowledgement of their rights as citizens & brethren.

Finally, brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. "Take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand."

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Clerk

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To Baltimore

Dear Friends

When at the opening of our Yearly Meeting there were read, the messages of love, sympathy and Christian exhortation from the Yearly Meetings whose fellowship we share and which is so precious to us, we felt that with them came encouragement and strength. They bear evidence of the spiritual vitality from which they spring; we felt that by these epistles of Christian unity and affection there were imparted to us new zeal in the cause of the Master and a higher estimate of the value of these bonds of spiritual and religious companionship which unite us, and renewed encouragement to faithfulness in the work the Head of the Church has committed to our hands.

From their distant homes and ordinary fields of labor there have been with us faithful and gifted ministers of the word. From them, as from the written greetings from our distant brethren, we have received help in our time of need and encouragement and counsel. Their ministrations at our seasons of worship have been blessed to us; and they have extended to us valuable and welcome aid in our disciplinary work.

The important work of revising our Book of Discipline in which the meeting, through its committee, had long been engaged, has been finished, and the result of their labors has, with a gratifying unanimity, been adopted.

While we have been engaged in the concerns of our Yearly Meeting we have felt the importance of a personal preparation for our work. As a religious body having in view our own religious welfare and the enlargement of the Redeemer's kingdom, we have clearly seen that our united action must be unprofitable if individual qualification is wanting.

While engaged in the various educational & humanitarian concerns which have, as in former years, claimed our attention, we have regarded them as the legitimate outgrowth of that true sense of individual responsibility to God & love to our fellow men which are found in the hearts of all the faithful followers of our Lord and Master.

In these have originated the several measures to which we have alluded having in view the intellectual elevation of our members, the increase and improvement of our First-day Schools, the cause of Peace, the welfare of the Freedmen of the South and the protection and enlightenment of the Indian race. None of these concerns have lost any importance in our view; and as we have renewed our impressions of their value and have endeavored to form a right conception of our further duty with regard to them, we have felt that they continue to call for the enlightened and Christian [illegible] of our Religious Society.

In this, we are gratified to find, by your encouraging letter, that our feelings and proceedings are in harmony with yours. May we be guided and strengthened in these and all other concerns in which we may be called to engage for the glory of God, the welfare of our fellow man, and the spread of the gospel & spirit of peace.

The work of general meetings has not yet been commenced among us. They now have our sanction and the results of the movement among you, which you have sent to us, a [illegible] give us [illegible] assurance that within [illegible] [illegible] among the brethren and in bringing many wandering souls into the fold of the Redeemer.

May we all continue faithful to the cause of him wh name we bear, and, with his love in our hearts, and wit fervent desires that all may share in the happiness [illegible] of his kingdom, may we labor diligently in the several fields of Christian effort upon which, as we believe, unde his direction, we have entered.

With a salutation of Christian sympathy & affect we bid you farewell

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Charles H. Tucker
Clerk

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

We salute you [illegible] and acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable epistle of 11th m

Very precious is unity among the followers of Christ, a we believe our epistolary correspondence strengthens this uni

We rejoice in the account you have given of accessions t your numbers; — may the travail of Zion still be yours that [illegible] time.

Large fields of service are opened to the members of Society in the distribution of tracts & Bibles among the [illegible] From your epistle we find you are engaged in this w May you be encouraged to renewed diligence.

From the report of the committee on Education, w find a large number of our members are engaged in teac For this class both among you and us, we desire that the lo of Christ may so fill their hearts that all their labors may serve to gather unto Him "in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom & knowledge".

We have been blessed in our meeting together, at this tim

Much excellent counsel has been given us in our various sittings. Great interest has been manifested in the religious welfare of our younger members who have been largely in attendance at this time.

Our Boarding School at Providence & that at Oak Grove, Maine, are represented to be in a prosperous condition.

We would join our prayers with yours that the efforts of Friends to civilize and christianize the Indians may be crowned with success.

Our labors among the Freedmen have been continued as in former years.

First day Schools and Temperance work also continue to receive the fostering care of this meeting.

The revision of our Book of Discipline has claimed our attention for several sittings in time of suffering, & although some diversity of sentiment was apparent, the result has been its adoption in much harmony.

The subject of holding General Meetings for divine worship has been carefully considered and approved by our meeting.

The all-important doctrine of redemption by the blood of Christ continues to be cherished with us.

With the salutation of love we remain your Friends

Signed in behalf of the meeting

Charles H. [illegible]
Clerk

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Among the acceptable epistles received at this time we acknowledge yours of last year. May this annual interchange of Christian salutations continue to be blessed to the end that we may be established, - that we may be comforted together by our mutual faith.

We have, again, gratefully to recognize the extension of that same loving-kindness and mercy which have so long gathered us individually & which still, [illegible] time to time, manifestly crowns the rightly-gathered assembly. To be thus owned of the Lord, to sit as un the canopy of His love and listen to His gracious teach ings is, indeed, an unspeakable favor.

May we, dear brethren, increasingly prize this special privilege [illegible] of that ancient promise, "All thy children sh be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the of thy children". We rejoice that this precious teaching, at once qualifying for the ministry of the word and inspiring faith in them that he it, appertains to that unchangeable priesth "the Son, who is consecrated forevermore"

The gospel labors of brethren from other Year Meetings, including several from yours has been enc [illegible] and sympathy in our labors for the welfare of the bod have been truly acceptable, and, we trust, will be bless to the church.

In considering the state of Society, we have had to acknowledge many deficiencies. A lively concern has felt for the universal prevalence of love and unity. Pert counsel and urgent appeals have been addressed to us, account, and we cannot doubt that "the effectual fer prayers" from many hearts in harmony with that mem rable intercessory prayer of our Lord, "that they all may be on will, indeed "avail much."

Our committee on Education have presented their annual report on this interesting subject. Its vital [illegible] we trust, by many of us who are still laboring both for a higher standard within our borders & for a wider dif fusion of its blessings.

[illegible] improvement of the Freedmen have presented their eighth annual report giving a very encouraging and satisfactory account of their labors. [illegible] been somewhat to modify their plan of operations, [illegible] deemed [illegible].

On the request of several of our Quarterly Meetings for holding "General Meetings" for worship, we have appointed a committee to cooperate with Quarterly Meeting committees for this purpose.

During the consideration of various subjects that have claimed our attention, occasions have arisen for the exercise of much forbearance & brotherly condescension.

We have cause for thankfulness that harmony has prevailed and that we have been favored to accomplish the business brought before us, as we trust, under the guidance of him [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible] [illegible] all things to his honour"

With the salutation of love we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Charles F. [illegible]
Clerk

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To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

The reading of your Epistle of ninth month last has been sweet and refreshing.

We heartily reciprocate your loving words, when you address us "as of the same household of faith". Let us cling to this shield, even our faith.

Let those that offer that prayer, "Thy will be done", realize that it looks forward to the privileges and responsibilities contemplated in the passages, "That by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature", "Filled with the Holy Ghost;" – then we shall receive these promises as an actual present possession and not as something to be prepared for and enjoyed in the future. Dear friends, let us lay hold on the twofold office of Christ as declared in Scripture: "who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sin, should live unto righteousness". First in order, in this blessed experience, our sins forgiven

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second, a holy life. These are our sweet privileges under the gospel. Are our sins forgiven? Have we holy lives? are questions to be met, and let us meet them now. Let it be the earnest prayer of the church, that each individual member may come up to the standard thus set before us.

We have been enabled to transact the business of the church with much Christian love & condescension; and the hearts of the fathers have been touched at the manifested love and dedication of many of those in the younger walks of life.

We have appointed a committee to cooperate with Quarterly Meeting committees in relation to holding Temperance Meetings the ensuing year.

The revision of our Book of Discipline presented by the committee was, with a few modifications, adopted, with much brotherly condescension.

And now, dear brethren, farewell. To the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion & power both now and ever. Amen

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Charles F. Coffin
Clerk

To Western Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Having drawn towards you as brethren, we salute you in the language of the apostle, "Let brotherly love continue". We respond to your acceptable Epistle of last year, in that love which is the bond of Christian union, even the love of Christ and his gospel, which we believe is promoted and strengthened by these tokens of Christian fellowship.

Several dear Friends in the ministry from other Yearly Meetings are very acceptably with us.

In our review of the State of Society, deficiencies were developed, to some extent, touching those Christian duties we owe to each other as children of one Father and brethren of the same household of faith. An earnest concern and spiritual travail spread over the meeting, much labor and pertinent counsel were bestowed by faithful friends to the relief and comfort of many minds.

Our committee who have had in charge the revision of our Book of Discipline made a report of their deliberations. With a diversity of sentiment, [illegible], a spirit of condescending love prevailed, and, with a few alterations, the work was adopted.

Our committees on [illegible] for the benefit of the Freedmen, the welfare of the Indian tribes, for the promotion of the education of our youth and Scriptural instruction made interesting & encouraging reports. [illegible] the great questions of Christian benevolence and missionary labor in our country.

The great doctrine of Peace, we recognize with you to be one of the fundamental principles of the Christian religion. When we remember the word of the Lord through [illegible] the announcement of the heavenly host to the inhabitants of the earth at his advent, and his teaching while he walked among men, truly we must acknowledge that the gospel of Christ is the gospel of peace. Dear brethren let us labor, separately and unitedly, under the guidance of him who hath told us that his kingdom is not of this world, [illegible], in disseminating these great truths among men; thus doing what we can to hasten the coming of that time when "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more". Our committee on Peace made a favorable report showing that they had purchased and distributed a large number of Peace Documents during the past year.

Our meeting is well attended. Many of our young men are with us, who are not only evincing a deep interest in the welfare of the Church, but giving evidence of a growth in grace. We thankfully acknowledge, that

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the gathering influence of the Holy spirit has been [illegible] [illegible] to us at this time, and we believe that many of the fathers have been made to rejoice a ready to adopt the language, "I have no greater joy tha to hear that my children walk in truth."

Finally, brethren, farewell. Live in love; "live in peac and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Signed on behalf of the meeting

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Clerk

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To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

At this our annual meeting, as upo former occasions, we can gratefully acknowledge the edification and instruction derived from the epistle of your own and other Yearly Meetings.

We rejoice, on the present occasion, that the gr Head of the church condescends, in unmerited m to be with us and to bless us in our assemblies for [illegible] [illegible], and discipline.

At this time we have the acceptable company of a number of ministers and other dear friends from severa Yearly Meetings. Their company and labors of love have been strengthening and encouraging.

The state of Society, as appears from the Answers to the queries, has claimed our weighty consideration, and [illegible] counsel and exhortation have been given, whi we believe the great Head of the church will bless to its [illegible] and growth in the truth.

The important work of revising our discipline ha been concluded at this time in much love & brotherly [illegible].

A committee on General Meetings has been appoint with great unanimity.

The subject of Education, together with First-day School

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instruction, claimed, at this time an increased degree of attention, and there is, on these subjects, a deepening interest amongus.

The cause of Peace on earth and good will to men has been efficiently promoted by a committee appointed for that purpose; and we can hail with heartfelt the signs of the times as pointing to that blessed day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord.

Good fruits have resulted from the labors of our committee for the education & the amelioration of the condition of the Freedmen; and they have been encouraged to continue their labors in that direction

The welfare of the aborigines of our country still claims, as it has done in all our past history as a society, the active labors and prayerful sympathy of Friends in this Yearly Meeting; and we rejoice to note the change of policy toward them by the General Government within the past few years. We believe that if this more peaceful policy is continued, it will be blessed, both to the nation and to the Indian tribes.

In conclusion, and under a grateful sense of what the Holy Head of the Church has been to us on this interesting occasion, we can truly say "Good, indeed is the Lord and greatly to be praised for his mercy [illegible]

With a salutation of love we are your friends and brethren

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Clerk

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Assembled again in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, we salute you in the love of the gospel; and our hearts are made glad in remembering, that

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as the members of the different Yearly Meetings recog-nize One as their common Father, it is their privilege, whatever may be their nationality or geographical locati[on] still to feel the same bond of union, to love and esteem each other as brethren.

We have been visited at this time, by the company of [illegible] dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, and much pertinent counsel and advice have been imparted to us, which, as we let it have due place with us, will tend to our furtherance and growth in the truth. We receive these visits from dear brethren and sisters from abroad as a token of the continued regard and watchful care of our Father in heaven, and desire that our hearts may be sufficiently thankful for this favor.

The attendance at our meeting at this time, though not, perhaps as large as it has sometimes been, has been marked by a deep interest which has been felt by all in the important concerns which have claimed our attention.

Joint Sessions of men and women friends have been held while the subject of the revision of our Discipline and the report of the joint committee which has had charge of this work have been under consider-ation, and a good degree of love and condescension have been exhibited during our deliberations upon this important matter.

The committee having the charge of our Boarding School at Providence, report that institution in a pros-perous condition; & we hope it may still prove a blessing to the younger portion of our beloved Society, by affording an opportunity for a liberal education under the care of those [illegible] them in their growth in the Truth.

While the consideration of the State of Society, brought to view by reading the answers to the Queries, claimed our attention, deficiencies, as heretofore, were found to exist among us, and many concerned friends were en-gaged to labor for their removal.

In conclusion, dear friends, may we and may you, live so near to our Divine Master and so completely under His guidance that we may all experience being kept by Him, and at all times be ready to do His bidding, thus filling the sphere of action in which He has designed that we should [illegible] kingdom

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Charles R Tucker
Clerk

To Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends

We salute you

Dear friends, as brethren in the Lord, & fervently desire that, in the setting up of a new Yearly Meeting, all its members may be established upon the sure foundation, "Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone".

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[illegible] ing the object, as set forth by the framers of Yearly Meetings, "that the good and blessed intent and end of this and of all our Annual assemblies is, with the Lord's assistance, to His honor in promoting and maintaining our Christian Society and religion in life and practice, in all the parts and branches thereof".

We sympathize with you in your feeling of weakness and insufficiency as you have looked forward to this your first gathering, and we crave for you, that your sufficiency may be of God. Relying on that Arm of power which has never failed any who have leaned thereon with trusting confidence, may you realize the experience of the Psalmist, "I trusted in Him and am helped" So may you be strengthened together by the mutual faith one of another, and, at the close, be enabled, to in humble thankfulness, to say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"

Charles R Tucker

Signed on behalf of the meeting

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# To Friends in Norway

Dear friends

Another year has passed since we last addressed you, and, now, on again assembling at our annual gathering, we feel to send you our Christian greeting and to bid you God speed in the Lord.

However widely separated by sea and land it is ou blessed privilege to recognize the headship of our Lord Jesu Christ "of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is n "who is over all, God blessed forever". He, through the power of divine grace, is bringing sons from far and daughters as fr the ends of the earth to hold a place in his family. All these shall have their robes washed and made white in the bloo of the Lamb. To them may you with us be joined as deep tod

For the edification of the body and for the building up of one another in our most holy faith, the great Head of the church dispenses a beautiful diversity of gifts. Prominen among these gifts is the ministry of the word. By waiting patiently prayerfully upon this gift and moving under th fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit", the servant, so calle and qualified, is enabled to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ in demonstration of the Spirit & of power.

Well may the disciples of such a Master follow faithfully and confidingly in the way he shall lea

We have, at this time the company of sever dear friends from other Yearly Meetings upon this conti nent who have imparted much salutary counsel and encouragement, and we think it has been apparent that the Lord is with his people and that he will yet make the place of his feet glorious.

The important subjects which have claimed ou attention as a church have been properly disposed of as we trust, in love and brotherly condescension.

This country so large, geographically, is rapidly becoming the home of many poor Pagans from China and Japan and also of hundreds of thousands of emi grants, annually from Europe, including not a few from your, our kingdom of Sweden and Norway.

As a branch of the Christian church we feel our respo sibilities largely increased hereby in common with our fellow citizens; and we desire that, while extending a hand of welcome to those who seek freedom & Christian lands upon our shores, we may, in our daily walk among men, illustrate the gospel precepts of him who went about doing good. A wide field is opening before the disciples of Christ by this large immigration to our land and also among those freed from the galling chain of Slavery, a few years since, in the Southern States of our country; and among the Indians of the far West.

Pray for us, dear Brethren, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified - that the time may be hastened when the kingdoms of this world shall "become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ."

We desire to extend through you our Christian salutation of love and interest to the dear Friends in Denmark! May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen

With the salutation of love we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Charles R. Tucker
Clerk

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At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island, commencing at Newport on the 14th of 6th Month, 1873

By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting

From Rhode Island - Perez Peck, Nathan Chase, William Sherman, Saml R. Buffinton, Thos B. Buffum, Peter H. Collins, Thomas Harkness, Stephen Chase, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] C. Smith, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] Chase

From Salem, - Thomas Folsom, Stephen Beede, Joshua Buxton Jr., Simon G. Gove, John Paige, Joseph S. [illegible], John H. [illegible], Saml P. [illegible] Charles H. Thorndike, Daniel Beede.

From [illegible], - Joseph [illegible], Joseph [illegible] [illegible], Edward W. Howland, Edward G. Dill, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Arnold Gifford, Otis Slocum, Charles R. Tucker Nathaniel Gifford, Wm C. Taber, Josiah Holmes Jr.

From [illegible] - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Edward S. Hacker, Elisha Jones, Chas A. Nichols,

From Smithfield - Edward Earle, Thomas Grover, Timothy [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] H. [illegible] Jonathan [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], John [illegible]

From Vassalboro - Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Zaccheus [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Jonathan Estes, Caleb Jones, John H. [illegible], Charles H. Pope, Charles B. Coles.

From Dover - Jacob H. Purinton, Timothy B. Hussey, Tobias Meader, Joseph H. Pratt, Beede Varney, George Estes.

From [illegible] - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Jno D. [illegible] & Joseph C. Briggs.

1. On the call of their names, they were present except [illegible]; for the absence of two reasons were given.

2. Our [illegible] friend William [illegible] is acceptably in the attendance of this meeting and presented satisfactory testimonials from the Monthly Meeting of [illegible]

held 3rd mo. 13th. 1873, the Quarterly Meeting of Ulster, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland, held in Dublin in the 5th month, 1873.

3. We also have acceptably in the attendance of this meeting our beloved Friends Jonathan Devoll of New York Yearly Meeting; Ruth Lloyd and David B. Updegraff of Ohio Yearly Meeting; William Haughton and Luke Woodard, of Indiana Yearly Meeting; Barnabas C. Hobbs of Western Yearly Meeting; Charles A. and Mary H. Tebbetts of Iowa Yearly Meeting; and William Wetherald of Canada Yearly Meeting. Certificates from their respective meetings, expressing unity with them as ministers and with their religious engagements, were read

4. Our beloved friends Mary Jane Devoll, an elder, who accompanies her husband, Jonathan Devoll; Isaac Mekeel, an elder, from Amawalk Monthly Meeting, New York; [illegible] M. [illegible], from [illegible] Monthly Meeting, New York, companion to our friend William [illegible]; [illegible] Woodard, who accompanies her husband Luke Woodard; and Joseph [illegible], companion to William Haughton, are acceptably [illegible] with us, and presented satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings.

5. The acceptable epistles from our friends of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Kansas, and from Friends in Norway, were received and read. In these communications of brotherly love from Friends of those Yearly Meetings, they have again been [illegible] to our remembrance, and we are comforted in believing that, however widely we are separated, we are one in Christ. We appointed the following Friends to prepare, as way may open for it, essays of Epistles to those meetings and also to Canada, from which no Epistle has been received, and present them to a future sitting of this meeting, viz: [illegible], William C. Taber, [illegible] B. [illegible], William H. [illegible], [illegible] Hood, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Moses [illegible], David K. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Joseph [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] E. Cate, Stephen Jones, [illegible] E. [illegible], William O. Newhall, Daniel Wheeler Swift, Silas H. Cartland,

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Timothy B. Hussey, Charles A. Nichols, Matthew Hand, John S. Chace, Thomas W. Buffum and John G. Perry.

6. The General Epistle of London Yearly Meeting for the year 1872 was now read. The meeting was deeply interested and, we trust, comforted by the excellent counsel which it contained. [illegible] to cause a reprint of 5000 copies to be placed in the hands of the representatives to this meeting, to be conveyed to our subordinate meetings for distribution among our members and others.

7. Communications have been received at this time from [illegible], pastor of the 1st Methodist Episcopal Society, offering the use of their meeting house for us to occupy during our meeting, especially on First days; from [illegible], pastor of the 1st Baptist Society of this city, offering the use of their house on First day afternoon, and the Bethel at 4½ P.M. tomorrow; and from Edwin F. Jones, pastor of the Thames St. Methodist Episcopal Church offering the use of their house for worship on Firstday evening at 7.45 o'clock

8. This meeting accepts the offers so freely made as a renewed evidence of the Christian love and regard of these societies to Friends; and we appoint George Bowen, Edward W. Howland, Henry T. [illegible], [illegible], Thomas B. Buffum and [illegible] to make such arrangements with the ministering friends as way may open for, for holding meetings in some or all of those places for worship; & the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute as it relates to them respectively.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. The meeting again assembled

9. Stephen Jones, on behalf of the representatives, reported that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Charles R. Tucker for clerk, and William A. [illegible] for Assistant clerk; which being approved by the meeting, they were appointed to those stations for one year, or until another appointment.

10. The committee in charge of our Boarding School submitted the subjoined report which, being read & considered, was approved by the meeting and we appoint

the following Friends to unite with a similar committee of women friends to nominate & send up to a future sitting the names of a suitable committee to have charge of that institution for the ensuing year and report upon any subject which in their judgment will promote the best interests of that school, viz:

Samuel Austin, Obadiah Chase, Joseph Cartland, Saml R. Buffinton, William C. Newhall, William A. Brown, Thomas Folsom, Moses Sawyer, George Howland Jr., Sewell Hoxie, David K. Akin, William P. Macomber, Charles A. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Samuel H. Colton, Edward Earle, Richard Batty, Jonathan F. Southwick, Charles B. Coates, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, [illegible], [illegible], Albert C. Hill, Joseph H. Pratt, Amos E. Purinton, Cyrus C. Hoxie, Isaac W. Hawkes, Reuben T. Jones and Moses Bailey.

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence, report, that attention has been given to the object of their appointment and that it gives them much satisfaction to state that the institution has, with the divine blessing, continued to prosper. The enlarged accommodations for the pupils, and the improved arrangements made last season for their comfort and convenience have proved quite equal to the expectations formed.

The rooms in the boys' wing which had been deficient are now very complete. Their school room is seventy two feet by forty with the ceiling seventeen feet high, open to the light on three sides, and well ventilated. Their class rooms are spacious and convenient. There are 28 lodging rooms in the new building, which, with those reported last year will lodge one hundred and thirty boys and their caretakers. A commodious dining-room seventy feet by forty, in the basement of the boys wing which will seat all the pupils under the direct supervision of their teachers has been fitted up and is now in satisfactory occupation. The committee feel that they can commend the establishment to the favorable notice of Friends on account of its superior advantages for promoting the health, comfort and well-being of the pupils, the good order that is

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maintained among them and for the satisfactory moral and religious influence which prevails both among them and the officers of the school.

The number of pupils during the Autumn term was two hundred and five, viz: one hundred & thirty boys & Seventy-f girls; Spring term two hundred and six, viz: one hundred and thirty boys and Seventy six girls.

The officers of the School the year now drawing to a close have been; Albert K. Smiley, principal; Alfred H. Smiley, associate principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department; [illegible] [illegible], George C. [illegible], Alice [illegible] Wing, [illegible] [illegible], Matthew [illegible] and [illegible], teachers in English branches; Thomas J. Battey, teacher of Natural Science; Daniel W. Marquis, teacher of Mathematics; [illegible] [illegible], teacher of Greek, Latin & German; [illegible] [illegible], lecturer on History, and Katharine H. [illegible], teacher of Drawing. And the committee feel it right to acknowledge their faithful services, as evinced by the satisfactory progress of the pupils in their studies.

The pupils and family attend the meeting for worship held in Providence, on First-day forenoons and in the middle of the week. On First-day afternoons the pupils are exercised with Scripture lessons. Portions of Scripture are daily read at the breakfast table and also by the assembled School before retiring for the night.

Although no cases of severe illness have occurred the past year, yet during the Spring term there were very many cases of juvenile disease which required an unusual amount of care and attention on the part of the nurses and family, and the additional rooms and appliances provided for the sick have proved eminently useful.

The payments made on account of the new building, alterations in the dining and class rooms, new drains, steam heating apparatus, introducing aqueduct water &c. as reported by the building committee, amount to $43.184 $\frac{92}{100}$

The present indebtedness of the school 6th mo. 3rd 1873 is as follows;

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| Due Treasurer of Yearly Meeting for money lent by him | $18,720 | |
| For interest | 374.33 | $19.094 $\frac{33}{100}$ |

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| | $19,094.33 |
| Due A. K. Smiley for bill paid by him | 2,445.02 |
| Due additional [illegible] | 700. |
| | $22,239.35 |
| Less estimated amount of earnings of the school the present yr, to be applied to the reduction of above debt | 6,050. |
| Net amount of indebtedness - - - | $16,189.35 |

The auditing committee has presented statements of the receipts and expenditures of the School fund and of the charitable fund, including the Ebenezer Metcalf and other donations. They are as follows:

## School Fund

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| Balance of this fund last year | $18.38 | |
| Income from the fund | $6272.26 | $6290.64 |
| Paid insurance premium $305.00 | | |
| Less premium returned 139.95 | $165.05 | |
| Paid A. K. Smiley | $6125.59 | $6290.64 |

## Charitable Funds

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| Balance on hand last year 5th mo. 15, 1872 | 819.25 | |
| Income from the fund | $2024.76 | $2844.01 |
| Paid School bills | $2000.00 | |
| Balance on hand 5th mo. 1873 | 844.01 | $2844.01 |

It is thought that twenty pupils may be admitted on the fund the ensuing year.

The expenditures of the School the present year for provisions, [illegible], salaries, and ordinary repairs, as near as can now be ascertained, have been $43.092.09; and the average number of pupils attending it 186¾, which gives the cost of board & tuition for each pupil to be $230 75/100 for the school year of forty weeks.

It is with satisfaction the committee can state that the proportion of Friends' children [illegible] in attendance the present year has been larger than for many years past.

It is proposed that the present charge for board & tuition be continued the ensuing year, viz;

For members of our Yearly Meeting — $100

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For members of other Yearly Meetings or where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or for Scholars sent at the expense of such $190.
For all others that may be admitted $300

An additional charge of Ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, & Drawin

One half payment made at commencement of the year, and one half at the opening after recess.

By direction of the Committee
William C. Taber, clerk

Providence, 6th mo. 3d 1873.

Note.

The Autumn term begins 9 mo. 3d 1873; & closes 1st mo. 21. 1874
" Winter recess " 1 " 21.1874; " 2d " 4. "
" Spring term " 2 " 4.1874 " 6 mo. 24-1874

Regulations of the School Committee. Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the 5th of the 8th mo. next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence over others to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable fund or the Ebenezer Mo[illegible]ely donation should apply at the time specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits, and literary attainments of the applicants

All applications should be made to the principal, Address, Albert K. Smiley Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R.I.

11. Our several Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid or directed to be paid their respective proportions of Stock to our Treasurer. The following Friends [illegible] Hartman, [illegible] Dame, [illegible] Kelley, George Douglass, Samuel H. Allen, Chas. F. Coles, Samuel Boyce, & Isaac W. Hawkes to audit and settle the Treasurer's account, to propose a sum sufficient to be raised for the use of this meeting for the ensuing year, and the name of a friend for Treasurer and also the name of a friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, and report to a future sitting.

12. We appoint James Dennis, John F. Chase, Matthew Howland, Samuel Jones, Timothy K. Earle, Jonathan Estes, Samuel Buffum, Henry Winslow to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries received from our Quarterly Meetings and present it to our next sitting.

13. The Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were read.

14. Eli Jones, Henry T. Wood and Wm. A. Brown were appointed to make arrangements as to place and time, for the various committees to meet which are appointed on the service of this meeting.

15. We are informed by the accounts from our Quarterly Meetings, that Rhode Island Quarter has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of [illegible], and in the appointment of [illegible] Williams to the station of elder, with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of [illegible] H. Earle to the same station and with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph G. Anthony, Nathan Chase and Phebe B. [illegible] to the same station.

William Chase, an elder, a member of Swansea Monthly Meeting died 10th mo. 26th. 1872, aged 76 years, 4 months and 21 days; and Ruth B. Buffinton, an elder, a member of the same meeting deceased 2nd month 9th 1873 aged 78 years and 15 days.

Salem Quarterly Meeting has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift & approving the public ministry of William O. Newhall, and in the appointment of Joseph S. Nichols, [illegible], Mary E. Paige and Lucy P. Hawkes to the station of elder; & with Weare Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Charles H. Jones and Hannah B. Sawyer, and in the appointment of Franklin S. Huntington & Lavinia G. Huntington to the station of elder.

Nathan Breed an elder, a member of Salem Monthly Meeting died 7th Mo. 15th 1872 aged 78 years, 6 mos. 17 days and Elizabeth Gove, a minister & member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting deceased 4th mo. 29th. 1873, aged 76 years 11 months [illegible].

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting has united with Falmouth

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Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift & approving the public ministry of George W. Francis.

Joseph Kempton, an elder, & a member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting died 5th mo. 22d 1872 aged 80 years, 7 mo 3 days; William P. Howland, an elder, and a member of the same meeting deceased 9th month 29th 1872, aged 59 years 11 mo 10 days; Elizabeth Swift, an elder & a member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting died 11th mo. 3d, 1872, aged [illegible] years 11 mo [illegible] days.

Mary Hoag, a minister and a member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting has removed to [illegible] Monthly Meeting New York and David Dudley, a minister & a member of the same meeting has removed to Springfield Monthly Meeting, Kansas.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Amos [illegible], and with the same meeting in the appointment of Charles T. Webber and Miriam C. Webber to the station of elder; with Limington Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of James Cartland John B. Cartland and Charles C. Varney.

Lydia Allen a minister, and a member of Windham Monthly Meeting, died 3d mo. 9th 1873, aged 87 years 3 mo 10 days

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting informs that Albert S. Payson, a minister, and a member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died 2d mo. 23d 1873 aged 56 years 9 mo 4 days

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Sarah W. Goddard, & with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Eliza Jane Jones to the station of elder.

Edmund Cates, an Elder, and a member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting died 10th mo. 5th 1872 aged 76 years, 1 month 5 days: Benjamin Worth, a minister, & a member of the same meeting, deceased 2d mo. 27th 1873 aged 83 years, 1 month 25 days; [illegible] D. Abbott, a minister and a member of China Monthly Meeting died 8th mo. 12th 1872, aged 71 years, 5 mo, 6 days; Susanna Jones an elder and a member of the same meeting deceased

3d mo. 6th 1873 aged 94 years, 2 months, 18 days; & Sophia Jones, an Elder and a member of the same meeting, departed this life 3d mo. 13th 1873, aged 79 years, 14 days.

Fairfield Quarter reports that it has united with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in the acknowledgement of the gift & the approval of the public ministry of Maurice A. Jones.

Mary F. Burbank, an elder and a member of the same meeting died 8th mo. 23d 1872, aged 72 years, 4 mo's, 23 days and Caleb Hawkes, an elder, and a member of the same meeting deceased 5 mo. 30, 1873, aged 84 years less one day. Adjourned to 10 o'clock on Second day morning, the 16th.

Second day morning, Convened according to adjournment

16. The Representatives present except four

17. The appointments of Correspondents have been reported by the Quarterly Meetings as follows, viz.:

For Rhode Island Monthly Meeting - Abner Potter Jr. His address is Portsmouth R. I.

For Salem Monthly Meeting - Moses F. Rogers. His address is Lynn, Mass.

For Vassalboro Meeting Monthly, Furnas B. Nichols His address is East Vassalboro, Maine.

18. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that a part of the sessions of Greenwich Monthly Meeting have been discontinued; those only being held which precede the Quarterly Meeting, viz., at Coventry in the 4th mo. and 7th mo., and at East Greenwich in the 10th & 1st mo's.

19. A minute of concurrence from Short Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio, for Judith C. Johnson, who accompanies our friend Ruth Lloyd, was read at this time. She is acceptable with us.

20. The following Summary of the Answers to the Queries from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders was received and read.

Summary

of the Answers received by the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders from their several Quarterly Meetings.

1st. Ministers & Elders are diligent in attending their meetings for worship & discipline, with "little exception" reported from one Quarterly Meeting; & are careful to promote the attendance of their families.

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Ans. 2d. The lives and conversation of Ministers & Elders are in a good degree clean and blameless among men. Some exception is stated to be apparent in one Quarterly Meeting. They are preserved in a good degree of unity among themselves and with the meetings to which they belong, with some exceptions in the Answers from two Quarters; in good measure harmonizing in labor for the honor of truth.

3d They endeavor to rule their own houses well, and by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our religious profession.

4th. They are in a good degree preserved in love and are concerned to administer encouragement & counsel, as occasion may require, in reference to ministry or conduct,

21. The meeting now proceeded to enter upon the consideration of the state of society, under, we trust, a precio covering of the Lord's Spirit, by reading the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings; & having proceeded as far as the answers to the first query, the meeting then adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon when the meeting again aſsembled and completed the reading of the Answers.

22. During the time spent in this interesting service, a lively sense of the love of the blessed Head of the Church was witnessed. Information from our subordinate meetings gave evidence of our weakness and of our need of Divine help. Our absent brethren were remembered with earnest desires for their good, and we were brought into an exercise on account of the loſs sustaine by those who, from the cares of the world, or from an indifference for the best welfare of their souls, neglect the attendance of our meetings, giving an evidence to their friends that there is a want of love in their hearts for Christ who bought them & is still waiting to be gracious and ready to bestow upon them his choicest blessings. What a loss such have sustained! What a loss the church has sustained! Do we as members of the society of Friends know? Do we, as Christians, manifest that we are a spiritually minded people, seeking to worship God in Spirit & in truth?

If we obey the clear commandment we shall esteem it not only a duty, but a privilege, to attend our religious meetings.

Love, we were told, is very expansive; it would influence our wills so that we should love the Lord; our love would then go out to Him and we should be brought into harmony with the Divine love, and be under the influence of the Divine power; our intellect would become submissive to this love, and we should then understand our relation with the Lord our God. We shall then understand our relationship to man and why Christ died for us; we shall realize the value of an immortal soul, and shall see that when Christ comes to make up His kingdom he will hold the scales of Justice & Mercy in an even hand.

By their fruits ye shall know them; for the love is the fruit of the spirit, and "the love of God", said the apostle "is shed abroad in heart". There is an eye that penetrates the inmost recesses of our souls & we know whether our hearts condemn us or not.

If we attempt to associate with those who have on the wedding garments, we shall be confounded, unless we have pure hearts. Know we not that we are poor, naked, blind and in need of all things and that our correct lives will not avail us unless our souls are filled with the love of Christ? Satan is equally busy in all parts of the world and is there not a want of that vitalizing power to go out and strengthen those in the younger walks of life? Prayer would then be going forth from our small meetings and we would become attractive to those around us, & through this same love of Jesus Christ in our hearts we would become valiant laborers in the cause of winning souls to Him. We were shown that we were the recipients of choice blessings, the greater the blessings, the greater the responsibility.

Much sympathy was expressed with business men who are daily brought into contact with men of the world; & they were encouraged to keep to and manifest a prayerful spirit on all occasions. Their cares are many; they have to compete with shrewd men; hence the need of a constant watch, so as not to bring dishonor on the cause. This class of men can be very

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useful, for God intends that we should use all the faculties which he has given us, and through his grac they may be instrumental in promoting the kingdom of our blessed Redeemer; and by their daily walk an evidence would be given that they were living prayerfu lives & were truly witnesses for the cause of Christ. There are in the paths of all men, constant opportunities to render great assistance to those who are in need of sympathy and love.

We were told that, in order to have a healthy church, we must have children in it; for if there are none where will the members come from to build up & strengthen the church of Christ? We were exhorted to go to the Lord in prayer for our children, and ask Him to teach them of His ways and call them into His vineyard, that they may become valuable laborers in His cause. The highest position a man can occupy is to be an ambassador for Christ, to gather precious into His fold. God desires to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children & the hearts of the children to the fathers; if fathers will consecrate themselves to serve Christ their Savior he will bless them and their children and they together will be made to joy and rejoice in His precious love.

Let us have a deep reverence for the Holy Scriptures let us never be ashamed to own the Bible; it is the only book given but by the inspiration of God

When we speak of the Spirit of Christ, we speak of that which is above all things, and if we ever succeed in puttin to flight the shafts of infidelity and breaking up the strongholds of error & of sin, it must be through fervent earnest prayer to him who is a hearer & answerer of the prayers of his children, and who will, in his own good time, give all such an inheritance amongst them tha are sanctified

## Summary Answers

1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have bee regularly held, except for two sessions (including three Preparative Meetings) omitted on account of inclement weather, and a few other omissions not enumerated. On First day mornings most Friends are engaged to attend them duly and at the time appointed.

Midweek meetings and those for Discipline are much neglected by some. Mostly clear of unbecoming behavior; some care taken.

2d. Love and unity appear to be maintained, with little exception and detraction mostly guarded against. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them

3d. We believe most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation and by example and precept to train up their children or others under their charge in accordance with our Christian profession; but some of our members are remiss in these important duties

4th. We believe that, with little exception, the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families individually as well as collectively, and those under their care encouraged in the daily perusal of them. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry appears to be maintained, with a few exceptions.

5th. With the exception of seven cases mentioned, the use of intoxicating liquors appears to be mostly avoided. Careful, with little exception, to avoid amusements & diversions inconsistent with a Christian character and to observe moderation in all things.

6th. Care is taken to relieve the necessities of the poor; to educate their children; and to assist them in obtaining suitable employment.

7. Clear as to military matters. Mostly clear in regard to oaths. No case of defrauding the public revenue.

8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts and, with few exceptions, are punctual to their promises, just in the payment of debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9. Generally careful as to records; some removals without certificates, most of which are under notice.

10. Friends appear careful to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness and impartially, but not always as timely as would be desirable.

We believe judgment is placed, when necessary, in the authority of truth and according to discipline.

Adjourned to 10 A. M. tomorrow

1873. Third day morning the 17th, the meeting met pursuant to adjournment

23. The representatives present, except three.

24. We have at this meeting the company of our beloved friend Hannah Pumphrey, of England, a minister of the gospel, who is accompanied by her husband Edwin Pumphrey, a member deeply concerned for the prosperity of the Truth. They presented satisfactory certificates from the Monthly Meeting of Newcastle-on Tyne dated the 12th of 3d month 1873; and from Durham Quarterly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders, held in London the 20th of 5th mo. last; all expressing unity and sympathy with them in their weighty engagements. Our love goes out to these dear Friends, and we extend to them a cordial welcome and desire their preservation & encouragement.

25. Our beloved Friend Rufus P. King is acceptably present at this meeting and presented satisfactory testimonials from Walnut Ridge Monthly & Walnut Ridge Quarterly Meetings of Indiana Yearly Meeting. We welcome him as a brother beloved.

26. In the reports from four of our Quarterly Meetings, some changes to be made in time & manner of holding said meetings are requested. This proposition we refer to the representatives now in attendance of this meeting for them to take into consideration and report at a future sitting.

27. The committee appointed last year to cause an edition of our Discipline to be printed made the following report, viz.:

To the Yearly Meeting,

The committee appointed last year for that purpose have caused one thousand copies of the revised book of Discipline to be printed, from which our subordinate meetings have been supplied with the number of copies requisite for their use. The remainder of the edition has been placed in the hands of the treasurer of this meeting, for sale to our members at fifty cents per copy.

The committee also procured the printing of blank forms & record of membership, as prescribed on page 125 of the Discipline, which were forwarded in due proportions to each of our Quarterly Meetings for distribution to the several Monthly Meetings

Charles Taber  Wm C. Taber
John Milton Earle  Henry T. Wood

6th mo, 14, 1873

This report was acceptable to the meeting and they are released from further service.

28. The following accounts of Statistics have been compiled from the reports of our Quarterly Meetings, giving the various changes which have taken place the past year which show a decrease of 56 in the number of our members, leaving the present number 4405.

| | Births | Deaths | Removed in | Removed out | Admitted | Disowned or Released | Whole Number |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rhode Island | 4 | 14 | 24 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 674 |
| Salem | 8 | 17 | 15 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 717 |
| Sandwich | 3 | 34 | 5 | 14 | 15 | 1 | 786 |
| Falmouth | 4 | 11 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 547 |
| Smithfield | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 406 |
| Vassalboro | 11 | 18 | 0 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 587 |
| Dover | 2 | 4 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 323 |
| Fairfield | 3 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 365 |
| | 35 | 112 | 45 | 51 | 43 | 16 | 4405 |

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this P.M. to meet in joint session with Women Friends

Afternoon. The meeting assembled in joint session.

29. The records of our Representative Meeting were now read for the past year and approved by this meeting.

They having referred to us the concern of this Yearly Meeting relating to the improvement of the Indians in the far west, their recommendation was united with and accepted by us.

We appoint Thomas Buffum Gertrude W. Cartland, Owen Dame, Ann Maria Coffin, Joseph Grinnell, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Samuel Jones, Jane C. Minott, Richard Battey, Abby S. Battey, Charles B. Cates, Margaret

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B. Cates, Albert C. Buffum, Huldah S. Buffum, Moses Bailey and Hannah G. Bailey to present the names at a future sitting of a suitable committee to take charge of this concern on behalf of this meeting

30. The joint committee appointed last year upon the subject of holding General Meetings presented the following report, viz.:

The joint committee appointed to hold General Meetings for Divine worship within our limits, report that meetings have been held at New Bedford, Westport and Somerset, in Massachusetts; and at St. Albans, China, Unity and North Berwick, in Maine all of which have been attended by some of the committee

We have reverently to acknowledge that these meetings were owned and blessed by the Head of the church, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit was witnessed. We believe that thereby the church has been strengthened, love one to another has been increased, the lukewarm & indifferent have been aroused & sinners have been brought to Christ. These meetings were conducted according to the good order of Friends, and if, in a few instances, circumstances have occurred that excited anxious fears in the minds of some to the comfort & relief of the honest hearted the Lord's power has been witnessed again & again to be over all to deliver from the power of the enemy. Glory be to his great name forever and ever.

We believe much good may arise from them to Friends and others in the neighborhood where they are held and the cause of Truth will be promoted if they are properly conducted

In conclusion we can thankfully acknowledge that the dear Master has blessed the work, a little begun in much weakness, and would recommend that they be held during another year under the care of a committee.

We have to record the removal by death of our friend Thomas E. Steere, who acted as clerk of our committee. He was much interested in the work and faithful in the performance of his duties, and we feel the loss, while assured that, with him, all is well

Edward W. Howland

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Which was read and was acceptable to the meeting; and we are made glad and are comforted in believing that this work has been blessed of the Lord to the rejoicing of many hearts. Not a few have experienced through the blessing of the Most High, the love of Jesus to be precious to their souls. The committee appointed last year are reappointed on that service for the ensuing year. Our hearts go out to our loving Lord in asking him to be with this committee and guide them through the coming year so that their labor may be to his praise and to the building up of his church upon the earth.

Our Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to cooperate with our committee in considering of any application, and deciding the same, which may be made for holding a General Meeting.

Names of Committee. - George Bowen, Gideon C. Smith Cynthia Bowen, Gertrude H. Cartland, Samuel Boyce, John Paige, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail M. Hanson, Wm C. Taber, David K. Akin, Anna E. Wood, Susan Taber Abram Winslow, Elisha Jones, Jane C. Sinott, Eunice D. Cartland, Richard Battey, Samuel H. Colton, Ann H. Colton, Lydia Haight, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Sybil Jones, Ann E. Lang, Albert C. Buffum, Joseph H. Pratt, Martha E. Pratt, Hannah G. Sawyer, Joseph Taylor, Chas. F. Coffin Sr. Lavinia M. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey Abner Slade, Stephen Beede, Edward W. Howland, Rachel S. Howland, Maria B. Jones, Eliza P. Gardner, Ruth S. Wood; & Thomas B. Buffum in place of Thomas E. Steere, deceased.

Adjourned to meet in joint session again at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Fourth day morning, the 18th, Friends again assembled in joint session.

81. The committee having in charge the concern of this Yearly Meeting on behalf of the Freedmen, submitted the following report, to wit:

The committee on the affairs of the Freedmen, report that there has been but little done the past year.

The educational department of the city of Washington

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have kept good schools in our Miſsion buildings, so that many of the scholars who commenced under our care, have continued to attend school at the same place.

A large and well-conducted First day School has been held at Lincoln Institute, very near our buildings and those who formerly aſsisted us in our schools have transferred their labors to that place, thus keeping much of the same influence.

Our friends John C. and Hannah Gove have lived for the past year at the Miſsion house, and the meeting of Friends for the city has been regularly held in the parlor. It has been small, but we doubt not has proved a comfort to the Friends who have attended there.

Our devoted miſsionary, Sarah E. Hall, spent the larger part of last year at the Miſsion, & has recently gone again. It is her intention to continue her sewing school for girls and to visit the families, instructing them in Christian virtue and household duties. Her services are voluntary and very satisfactory. The urgent need of more missionary effort for the moral and religious culture of these people is now pressing and the committee have felt desirous of sending some persons, rightly qualified for this self-sacrificing labor, to other fields of laservice the coming autumn. Should any of our members feel drawn to this service from a sense of duty to this people, they are desired to communicate with the committee which may be appointed by the Yearly Meeting.

The committee had hoped to close up our interest at this locality before this time, but no favorable offer having been made for the land it has not been done. It is now our view that it will be best to sell the land and pay the debt, & if there are any funds left after so doing that they shall be held by the trustees under the direction of the committee; which we recommend should be continued.

As we look upon the improvement which has been made in the condition of the freed-people since our first efforts among them, we feel bound to acknowledge that the Lord hath blessed our labors from the beginning

On behalf of the committee
Edward W. Howland
Ann B. Earle

We herewith present our financial report

Friends' Freedmen's Mission at Washington to Edw^d W. Howland
Dr.

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| 1872 6 mo. 16th | Balance due Edward W. Howland | $4004.17 |
| 1873 1 mo. 7 | Paid Hannah S. Macomber Estate " | 191.19 |
| 6 mo. 16 | Interest on the above to date | 286.06 |
| | | $4481.42 |

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| 1873 1 mo. 2 | Rec'd from John C. Gove household furniture | $67.45 |
| | Rents & payments on houses | 186.60 |
| 5 mo. | " " " | 256. |
| 6 mo. 16. | Interest on the above | 9.74 |
| | Balance due Edward W. Howland | $3961.63 |
| | Errors Excepted | $4481.42 |

Edward W. Howland

The doings of the committee the past year are acceptable to this meeting and feeling drawn to carry forward this interesting work, we reappoint the same committee except Thomas E. Steere deceased, viz.: Edward W. Howland, Benjamin Buffum, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, Edward Earle, John G. Whittier, Joseph Cartland, Charles B. Oates, Josiah Grinnell, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles F. Coffin, Henry T. Wood, Moses Sawyer, William A. Brown, Ann B. Earle, Gulielma W. Howland, Ellen K. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Eliza B. Boyce, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Anna E. Wood, Susan Taber, Ann Maria Coffin, Ruth B. Gifford, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Mercy Osborne, Margaret B. Oates and Hannah B. Sawyer to act on our behalf for the ensuing year in accordance with the recommendation of the report, and in such manner and upon such subjects as will tend to promote the welfare of this interesting class of our fellow men; and may the Lord still be pleased to bless our efforts.

32. The subject of foreign missions was introduced

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to us at this time by our dear friend Charles F. Coffin of Indiana, who has traveled extensively in distant lands, and who placed before us in a very impressive manner, the great need there is of the spread and teaching of the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in various lands. The subject, we believe, was prayerfully considered and earnest desires were expressed by many Friends that we might keep it alive in our minds, and by watchful and careful attention to the leadings and promptings of truth, be prepared to embrace every right opening for the spread of the gospel and the advancement of the Lord's kingdom in the earth, remembering the words of the prophet, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters". Joseph H. Atwater, Isaac Steere, George Howland, Jr., Joseph E. Macomber, Jabez Wood, Charles F. Coffin are appointed to unite with a similar committee of women friends to present to this meeting the names of a suitable committee to take charge of the concern of this meeting upon this important subject

33. The committee reported the following names

Names of committee Eli Jones, Sybil Jones, Ellen L. Congdon, Joseph E. Macomber, Timothy W. Earle, Rebecca H. Smiley, John H. Crosman, Thomas Wood, Susan Tabe Deborah W. Crosman, Harriet N. Jones, George Howland, Jr., Sylvia G. Howland, Jabez Wood, Charles M. Bailey, Albe C. Buffum, Ann B. Earle, Charles C. Varney, Lydia Ann Cartland, Abby S. Bailey, Lydia E. Sawyer, Mary B. Breed & Weare, Anna B. Wood, Charles B. Cates, Margaret B. Cates, Obadiah Chase

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions at 4. P.M.

Afternoon. Friends assembled at the appointed hour.

34. The joint committee appointed for that service, have presented the following names to constitute a school committee for the ensuing year, viz: Benjamin Buffum Charles F. Coffin, Edward W. Howland, Oliver Robinson, Edward Earle, Timothy B. Hussey, Thomas B. Nichols, Moses Bailey, William C. Taber, Charles R. Tucker, Samuel Austin, George Howland, Jr., Gideon C. Smith Sarah F. Tobey, Ann Maria Coffin, Gulielma M. Howlan

Ellen W. Buffum, Mary C. Hawkes, Ann B. Earle, Anna M. Hussey, Ruhamah H. Nichols, Hannah J. Bailey, Dorcas B. Robinson, Laura S. Collins, Rebecca C. Grinnell and Mary H. Smith,

These names were approved and they are encouraged to labor to promote the best interest of that institution.

35. The joint committee under appointment by this meeting to promote the education of the youth of our society and others, presented the following interesting report to wit: Report of the committee on Education

To the Yearly Meeting

We have received statistics from all the Monthly Meetings except one, and present the following report;

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| The No. of Monthly Meeting Schools | 1. |
| " " Family " | 1. |
| " " " Children who have attended school past yr | 573 |
| " " who have attended Schools taught by Fds or under their care | 272 |
| " " obtaining education at Academies or Colleges not under " the care of Friends | 37 |
| " No. Friends engaged in teaching | 106 |
| " " First day schools under care of Friends | 49 |
| " average time of holding said Schools, 10. months | |
| " whole No. attending the same | 2374 |
| " average " " | 1450 |
| " No. of our members attending | 1039 |
| " " over 21 years of age | 738 |
| " " of Friends over " " | 667 |
| " " " teachers | 231 |
| " " Bible classes not connected with 1st schools | 5 |
| " average time | 4 mos |
| " Whole No. belonging to the same | 149 |
| " Average " | 94 |
| " No. of Friends belonging to such | 83 |
| " " of Particular Meetings without School or Bible class | 24 |

Although there has not been as much accomplished during the past year as we could wish, through our [illegible] few has been done, we trust many of the committee have been faithful in the discharge of their duty, and with a heartfelt interest and steady perseverance in the work many obstacles have been overcome and their efforts blessed; and while we realize the importance of this great work, how surprising that any should allow worldly pursuits to occupy so much of our time and attention that we are unable to give the children that aid, counsel and encouragement they so much need! We all have a part of the work to perform, and our Heavenly Father is ever ready to bestow help upon all who come to him asking in faith. May we each more fully realize our responsibility and manifest a deeper interest in the religious training of these the lambs of the fold. It is cause of much regret that there should be any meeting without a First day School and while we are aware that, in some localities, circumstances seem very unfavorable, when we witness the increased interest in some of these Schools where there seemed to be but little encouragement when they were commenced, is it not cause of our thankfulness that such have been sustained; And while we see the fields white unto harvest, & the great need of earnest laborers, ought we not to use every means in our power to establish such schools.

An Educational conference was held in the 8th month last, at Lynn, where questions of importance were ably discussed.

In conclusion, we would again urge Friends to give increased attention to this important subject, and impress upon all the necessity of devoting at least one session of the Yearly Meeting to its considerations; for we are convinced that if our religious Society would occupy that position which our Father in Heaven desires we should fill, we must be more thoroughly educated & become better prepared to enter the more extensive fields of usefulness which are open before us, and that we should place our children in the care of teachers who are not only thoroughly imbued with our religious principles, but who are practical devoted Christians

On behalf of the committee

Lydia E. Sawyer, Secretary

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Which was read, considered and approved by the meeting. While many discouragements have appeared in the way of a more thorough system of education, we feel engaged to encourage earnest labor in that work, believing that a blessing will be witnessed by both parents and children, especially in the cause of First-day Schools

36. The committee appointed last year are continued on this service for the ensuing year, and we feel drawn in tender sympathy with them in their religious engagement.

37. The committee having charge of the concern of this Yearly Meeting for circulating such documents and information as may tend to the spreading of the principles of Peace, have presented the following narrative of their labors the past year.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The joint Committee to promote efforts in the cause of Peace, report that little has been attempted during the past year beyond the dissemination of reading matter through various channels bearing upon this interesting subject. Many books, including "Dymond's Essay", "The Manual of Peace," "Social Evils of War", "Hancock on Peace", "The Right Way" and others, of a narrative description have been distributed. Large numbers of tracts and smaller pamphlets have also been circulated in various parts of New England. Although some have manifested indifference to the subject, yet by a large class this matter is not only kindly received, but is, we believe, read with thoughtful appreciation. Patient continuance in well-doing is a needed qualification to the successful laborer in this field

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| The balance of money in hands of committee was | $225.07 last year. | |
| Contributions received | 11 | 236.07 |
| Paid for books & tracts from various sources | $8.56 | |
| for expense of transportation | 2.23 | |
| Balance in hands of committee | $225.36 | $236.07 |

A public meeting was held last evening in our meeting house for the promotion of the cause of Peace, which was largely attended by Friends and others. Interesting and encouraging addresses were made by a number of the associated committees of other Yearly Meetings on this subject.

We believe there is still room for labor in different parts of New England, in the dissemination of reading matter, in a convenient form, which will maintain our testimony to Peace, on Christian grounds, and will also diffuse more adequate views of the terrible evils of war

On behalf of the committee

Eli Jones

Newport, 6 mo. 18th 1873. Susan Taber

By which we are encouraged, although way has not opened for extensive labor in disseminating amongst the public such documents as tend to the spreading of the principles of Peace, The committee are re-appointed, and we desire they may be enabled to occupy every opening for the spreading of the principles which are in such perfect harmony with the teachings of our blessed Lord

Names of Committee. Men. Eli Jones, David Buffum, John H. Crosman, Joseph H. Atwater, Timothy B. Hussey, Matthew Howland, Charles C. Varney, Edward W. Howland, Samuel R. Buffinton, Joseph Cartland, George Richardson, Charles M. Bailey, Charles Taber, Gideon Wood, Jabez Wood, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph E. Macomber, Henry T. Wood, Nathaniel Gifford, George H. Pope, Henry Chase, Charles A. Nichols, Edward G. Austin

Women.—Ann W. Colton, Rachel S. Howland, Susan Taber, Dorcas F. Tucker, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail C. Bede, Gertrude W. Cartland, Ann B. Earle, Narcissa Jacobs, Sybil Jones, Dorcas B. Robinson, Anna T. Dennis, Ellen R. Buffum, Mary A. Smith, Abby S. Bailey, Sylvia G. Howland.

38. The following interesting report has been received from the committee who have, the past year, been laboring to promote the well being & improvement of the Penobscot & Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians

To the Yearly Meeting

The committee on the concern of this meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot & Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, report that 9th month last a visit was made by seven of our number to the Penobscot tribe at their settlemen on Oldtown island, in the Penobscot river, Maine. The time proved favorable, and nearly all the tribe were found at home, as the considerable portion of their number who spend the summer months in excursions to various places of resort for the purpose of selling their baskets & other articles of traffic had lately returned.

We were received with cordiality by the officers and people of the tribe and a full opportunity was afforded us to learn their present condition, their wants, their complaints and, to some extent, their present and future needs. Some progress is apparent in their condition particularly as respects their houses and manner of living; but the education of the younger portion of the tribe is still much retarded, while party spirit and a prejudice, which requires great prudence to meet, have been serious obstacles to their advancement. We are not without hope, however, that a continued oversight and a readiness to embrace any opening to aid them may, ere long, more fully answer the concern long felt by friends for the welfare of this people.

In one way we may aid them in the immediate future. By uniting with the legal authorities in an endeavor to procure educated and efficient teachers for their schools and by frequent visits to these schools to urge the teachers to faithful and patient application, and the children in their regular attendance, we hope to raise the standard of education among them. No opening to visit the Passamaquoddies was found last year. The number composing each tribe continues nearly the same.

Of the sum of $100. appropriated for the concern last year, only $32 was drawn from the treasury. We recommend that the committee be again allowed to expend $100, should they find that sum needful in the work assigned us.

On behalf of the committee
Eli Jones
James B. Congdon
Timothy Hanson

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This report being more extended than those for several years past, encourages us to belive from the information given in the report and verbal statements made by members of the committee that the care which this Yearly Meeting has from time to time exercised on behalf of that people has not been in vain.

The improvement in their manner of living and moral condition encourages us to continue the committee for the ensuing year, desiring that a blessing may attend the efforts which they may be enabled to put forth for the literary & religious advancement of the remnants of what were once powerful tribes. Our Treas^r is directed to place $10 at the disposal of the Commi

Names of Committee. Stephen Jones, John T. Lang, James B. Congdon, Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Timothy Hanson, George Richardson, Josiah Philbrick, Paul Wing, Augustine Jones, Edward Earle, Joseph Briggs.

39. The representatives in the attendance of this Yearly Meeting, in accordance with the provision of our discipline, have presented the following list of names to constitute a Representative Meeting for the ensuing year, viz.: Thomas Harkness, Perez Peck, Obadiah Chase, Moses Sawyer, Stephen Chase, Phebe P. Jones, George Bowen, Newell Hoxie, Stephen Jones, Gulielma M. Howland, Charles R. Tucker, Joseph Cartland, Sarah A. Tobey, Ellen W. Buffum, Charles F. Coffin, Stephen Beede, William A. Brown, Owen Dame, Abigail O. Beede, Abigail M. Hanson, George Howland Jr, Edward W. Howland, David K. Akin, Rachel S. Howland, David Kelley, Anna S. Wood, Simon Taber, Wm. Taber, Charles A. Nichols, Samuel Jones, Jane C. Minot, Esther Jones, Freeman Andrews, Edward Earle, Samuel M. Collins, Richard Batty, Ann M. Collins, Ann B. Earle, Eli Jones, Charles B. Cates, Thomas B. Nichols, Jonathan Estes, William O. Newhall, Sybil Jones, Margaret B. Cates, Jacob W. Reynolds, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Hannah G. Sawyer, Moses Bailey, Hannah J. Bailey, Reuben T. Jones, Thomas B. Buffum.

The nomination was approved and they are appointed to act on our behalf during the recess of the Yearly Meeting and report to us their doings next year.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P.M. tomorrow

Fifth day afternoon. Friends met agreeably to adjournment

40. The committee appointed to cause a reprint of 5000 copies of the London General Epistle to be placed in the hands of the Representatives from our several Quarterly Meetings, report that the service has been performed.

41. An Epistle from our beloved friends of Canada Yearly Meeting being received, was read, which brought this meeting into near sympathy with the Friends composing that meeting in Christian fellowship.

42. The committee appointed in joint session to nominate a committee to carry out the concern of this meeting for the Indians west of the Mississippi river presented the following report:

To the Yearly Meeting

The committee appointed in joint session to nominate a committee to carry out the concern of this meeting on behalf of the Indians, are united in proposing the following named friends for that service, viz.: Joseph Cartland, Joseph C. Gammon, Sarah F. Tobey, Cynthia Bowen, Charles F. Coffin, Moses Sawyer, Anna Maria Coffin, Hannah B. Sawyer, Edward W. Howland, Henry T. Wood, Phebe Sleeper, Rebecca Ewer, Truman Andrews, Chas Albert Nichols, Jane C. Minott, Mary C. Frye, Edward Earle, Richard Battey, Ann B. Earle, Abby S. Battey, John C. Lang, Charles B. Cates, Margaret B. Cates, Louisa L. Osborne, Amos C. Purinton, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Maria Purinton, Moses Bailey, Isaac Warren Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Lavinia Briggs, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Buffum, Thomas J. Battey, Rebecca H. Smiley, Charles M. Bailey, Sarah Marble, Timothy W. Earle, Lydia Haight, Thomas Wood, Mary C. Buffum, George Howland, Jr., John H. Chapman, Gulielma H. Howland, David Kelley.

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These names are approved, and they are appointed to act on behalf of this meeting for the ensuing year, by the appointment of sub committees or otherwise, as will in their judgement best fitted to this interesting engagem

43. The committee appointed last year to represent th meeting in the General Conference which was proposed by Western Yearly Meeting, informed us that the conference was not held, because all the American Yea Meetings did not come into the arrangement.

44. The committee appointed to audit and settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes, rendered the following statement, viz.:

To the Yearly Meeting

The committee appointed to examine & settle the treasurer's account and propose the amount to be raised for the ensuing year, and the name of a frien for treasurer, and also the name of a friend for treasurer of the school fund, have attended to their appointment, and report as follows:

Receipts

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| Balance in cash from last year's acct | $2896.75 | |
| Rec.d from the Quarterly Meetings | 5000. | |
| " for interest on Boston bonds | 600. | |
| " dividends of Eagle bank | 150. | |
| " books of Discipline | 210.50 | |
| " H. T. Wood (Indian Com.) unexpended | 68. | |
| " M. B. Jenkins' note | 371.40 | |
| " for interest on same | 49. | |
| | | $9.546.$\frac{25}{100}$ |

Expenditures

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| Paid traveling expenses of Friends in attendance of Yearly Meeting | $632. | |
| " Sundry expenses at Newport Y. Meeting, &c. | 670.43 | |
| " H. T. Wood (Indian Committee) | 100. | |
| For recording | 76.80 | |
| Associated Ex. Indian Committee | 340. | |
| For printing Book Discipline Minutes &c. | 942.32 | |
| Interest on notes | 725. | |
| On principal of outstanding notes | 1930. | |
| Rent of room for Boston meeting | 381. | |
| For 2 bonds for $600. P. & P. M. R. R. | 595.26 | |
| Cash on hand | 3.193.94 | $9546.2 |

We find proper vouchers for all the expenditures. The present indebtedness of the meeting in notes is $21.370, and there is due from the school to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting $19.095. We propose that the sum of three thousand dollars be raised for the use of the meeting the ensuing year, and George Howland, Jr., for treasurer for the Yearly Meeting and Thomas Harkness treasurer of the school fund

For the committee

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Which is approved by this meeting, and our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to our friend George Howland, Jr., who is re-appointed treasurer of this meeting, their respective proportions of the sum proposed to be raised, ($3000) for the service of the Yearly Meeting. Thomas Harkness is re-appointed treasurer of the boarding school fund, for the ensuing year.

44. The representatives, to whom was referred the proposition to change the time of holding some of our Quarterly Meetings, report, that we have conferred together and are united in proposing that Salem, Dover, Falmouth and Fairfield, respectively, be held on the seventh day of the week preceding that in which they have hitherto been held; that the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders be held the day previous; and that the meeting held on the day following the Quarters, respectively, be considered a part of said Quarter and under its care.

On behalf of the meeting of representatives

Eli Jones, clerk.

The changes proposed are approved by this meeting, and the clerk is directed to furnish the Quarterly Meetings, respectively, with a copy of this minute.

45. Essays of Epistles addressed to the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada, Kansas and to Friends in Norway were read and approved; and the clerk is directed to revise and sign them on behalf of

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this meeting, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

46. The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our beloved friend William Green.

47. To the Monthly and Quarterly Meetings of Lisburn, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders for Ireland.

Dear friends

Our beloved friend William Green attended this Yearly Meeting & presented satisfactory certificates from your several meetings. We feel bound to state that his gospel labors have been truly acceptable and edifying to us, evincing that they had their root and spring in that love which seeks the spiritual welfare of all. The example of his consistent Christian walk in the meekness & gentleness of Christ has been an instructive lesson to us.

48. The clerk was also directed to sign on our behalf the annexed minute for our beloved friend Edwin Pumphrey and his wife Hannah Pumphrey:

49. To the Monthly Meeting of Newcastle-on-Tyne, the Quarterly Meeting of Durham and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders of London Yearly Meeting:

Dear friends,

Our beloved friends Edwin and Hannah Pumphrey attended several sittings of this Yearly Meeting and presented satisfactory certificates from your several meetings. Their company and gospel labors have been acceptable and edifying to us.

50. The clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this meeting the following minute for our friend Jonathan Devoll and similar ones for Ruth Lloyd, David B. Updegraff, Barnabas C. Hobbs, William Haughton, Luke Woodard, Rufus P. King, Charles A. & Mary H. Tebbetts and William Wetherald, viz.:

Our beloved friend Jonathan Devoll attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

51. The clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for Mary Jane Devoll and similar ones for our friends George M. Sifson, Isaac [illegible], Judith C. Johnson, Joseph Griffin, Elvira T. Woodard

Our beloved friend Mary Jane Tuell attended this meeting. Her company [illegible] has been acceptable to us.

52. The clerk is directed to cause two thousand copies of the Minutes of this meeting to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings for distribution among our members; and William C. Taber is appointed to assist the clerk in this work.

53, The clerk is directed to make any necessary extracts from our minutes and sign them on our behalf.

54, The business of the meeting is closed, and having been favored to transact the weighty affairs of the church that have come before us in much harmony, and having as we trust been favored to sit as under the droppings of the sanctuary witnessing from sitting to sitting the overshadowing wings of a Heavenly Father's love, we conclude, proposing to meet again at this place at the usual time next year if the Lord permit

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Charles R Tucker
Clerk

# Epistles

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island 1873.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends in London

Dear Friends

Your acceptable epistle of 5th month last was received in season for our Yearly Meeting now sitting. The rapidity of communication between England and America which has enabled us to receive your greeting in so short a time and which keeps up such constant intercourse between the two nations contrasts strongly with the means of transit which our early predecessors in the truth possessed when eleven Friends in the ministry came across the Atlantic in a small shallop to testify on behalf of the freedom of the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to expostulate with the persecuting governments of New England on account of their unrighteous laws.

Should not the rapidity and comparative ease with which these voyages can now be made encourag to more frequent interchange of visits in the love of the gospel from both countries, that the brethren on both sides of the great water might be comforted and encouraged, and the spiritual life of the society quickened thereby. Thus the needs of the brethren in one country might be supplied by the other and we might all come to comprehend the truth of the declaration of the apostle, "There are differences of administrations but the same Lord and "there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh al in all".

The joint concern of this meeting with Friends of other Yearly Meetings in the United States for the improvement of the Indians has continued to receive attention and we have been encouraged by the presen of the members of the associated Executive Committe on Indian affairs, now with us, to more active endeavors to promote the general welfare of the tribes entrusted to our care.

We have also been afresh incited to more active exertion on behalf of our colored brethren at the South not only that they might receive, more generally, the benefits of an education that will better fit them for the position in which they are now placed, but a concern was spread over the meeting that higher ground might be taken with respect to them, - that the primitive doctrines of the Christian religion might be declared among them by qualified messengers from within our borders; and our committee on this important subject were encouraged to take such steps as in the wisdom of truth they may be led to adopt.

We can but believe that the command, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations" is as binding on the disciples of the present day as it was upon the immediate followers of our Lord when he was personally with them, and now while the freedmen of the South so stand in need of the simple teachings of the gospel, and the Indians on the Western borders of civilization have been so long left to the emissaries of Satan, it has been felt that we should give ourselves up more fully to the work of pleading for the Lord Jesus or in helping willing hearts by the means placed in our hands (when we cannot take a personal part ourselves) to spread the knowledge of the [illegible] of the dear Redeemer to benighted lands placed by the providence of God at our own doors. May the dear Lord so warm our hearts with his love & with love to our poor brethren in affliction & darkness, that many may be induced to devote themselves to his service in teaching the right way of the Lord to those less favored than themselves

Our meetings at this time have been well attended, & a number of ministering friends from other Yearly Meetings has been with us whose labors of love have been edifying & instructive. The meetings have been seasons of divine favor, & the presence of our holy Head has been witnessed. We have been made to rejoice in that many members, of both sexes, have given unmistakable evidence of the Lord's work on their souls. May his work, his glorious work, go forward until the whole earth shall be filled with his glory. With the salutation of love, we are your friends & brethren

Signed on behalf of the meeting. Charles R. Tucker Clerk.

1873 To the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland

Dear Friends

We have received your acceptable epistle of 5th month last, and are again brought into near sympathy and fellowship with you; and in that love which extends alike over land and sea we salute you as brethren in the Lord.

We welcome our dear friend William Green, from your meeting, as a brother beloved, & a large number of the Lord's servants from other meetings of our land who have been sent among us.

We have been impressed with the excellent order of our Society in allowing the exercise of the diversity of gifts, and have been edified & instructed thereby.

Our committee on General Meetings made a favorable report and we have continued the committee another year. The power of God has been manifested in a wonderful manner in these gatherings and the fruits of the Spirit love, joy and peace have been witnessed. Sinners have been converted and the church has been strengthened & edified.

Our concern for the Indians west of the Mississippi river still continues, the religious & educational interest of two small tribes being now under our care; and we design the work among them shall hereafter be more of a missionary character.

The subjects of Education, Peace and the care of the freedmen of the South have each claimed our attention

The dear work of redemption by a risen Lord, has been brought before us with clearness, by those who have been commanded by the dear Master to preach the glad tidings of salvation. In a fresh feeling of renewed consecration, we desire that the work of the dear Lord may prosper in us & that his glorious cause may spread until the whole earth shall be filled with his righteousness

With the salutation of our love, we bid you farewell.

Signed on behalf of the meeting by

Charles H. Tucker Clerk

To New York Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

Again assembled in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, the grateful acknowledgment that our loving Lord has condescended to make himself known among us, is first upon our hearts. In the midst of our abounding weakness and infirmity, it is cause both of humiliation and of encouragement to remember that he abideth faithful.

Our hearts have been warmed, not only by the renewed evidence of our heavenly Father's love to us, but also by the company of a number of our members, who, since last year, have yielded themselves unto God, and have become his adopted children.

We notice with feelings of gratitude, the allusion in your acceptable epistle of last month to the blessings which have resulted from General Meetings within your limits. The dear Master has also blessed us through the same instrumentality. In different localities the church has been strengthened, love to the brethren has increased and we are looking in faith for further manifestations of Divine favor.

Our sympathies have at this time been, afresh, awakened in view of the condition of the aborigines of the West. Two tribes have, this year become the especial charge of this Yearly Meeting. We are desirous of being made the willing instruments of good to this injured race.

We also observe with deep interest your missionary efforts for the religious welfare of the Freedmen. We, too, are incited to fresh endeavors for the advancement of these people in a Christian life. May our dear Master enable you and us to do them good.

In view of the vicissitudes the cares and the perplexities which surround us in our daily life, we have been encouraged to yield ourselves in such full & entire consecration to God that we may know his keeping power to sustain us in every situation, so that, without carefulness we may cast every burden upon him, & feel that in him

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our life is hid with Christ. Thus knowing in whom we have believed, and being persuaded that he will keep that which we have committed unto him, we may rest aſsured that he who first loved us without us and hath since accepted us in the pardon of our sins, is able, also, to keep us from falling and to present us faultleſs before him at his coming

In the love of Christ, we bid you farewell

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Charles H Tucker
Clerk

## To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

The renewal of your annual greeting has been welcome and refreshing. The reading of your friendly letter in connection with other messages of affection & regard from our brethren on both sides of the Atlantic opened afresh the fountains of religious tenderness and brought near to us all those, who, although widely separated, are united to us by the bonds of a common history, faith and hopes, and in a common effort to establish the kingdom of the Redeemer in the hearts of men and in the kingdoms of the earth.

Our hearts have been gladdened and strengthened by the convictions, that, unworthy as we are, as a society we are, now, as in the days of the Fathers, the objects of the regard, the guidance and sustaining power of Infinite Mercy and Redeeming Love.

The Father has been near to his children, and "good gifts" have been received by us from his bountiful hand; the Saviour has visited us with the purifying and aſsuring influences of his life-giving spirit.

Under the influence of the love of the Father, flowing in upon our hearts through Jesus Christ his well beloved Son, we respond to your declarations of affection and religious interest, and send you, with our heartfelt desires and our earnest prayers for your temporal and eternal welfare, a salutation of Christian brotherhood.

A marked feature of our present gathering has been the deep religious feeling that has characterized all our assemblies.

This we cannot but regard as, to a large extent, owing to the work that has been wrought among our people, the past year, through the agency of our general meetings. The report of our committee on the subject of these meetings was highly satisfactory, and we have felt encouraged to renew the arrangement for their continuance.

The meeting, in this place, of "the associated committees on "Indian affairs" of the different Yearly Meetings who have had charge of the concern of these meetings in relation to our Western Indians has revived and increased our interest in this important subject.

The obligation, on our part, to continue our efforts in this direction has been clearly recognized and we have, by placing the subject directly in the hands of a special committee of our own body pledged ourselves to increased diligence in the work.

The report of the committee on our Yearly Meeting School was highly satisfactory. The school is answering the important purpose of its establishment and is extending the means of an elevated intellectual culture to a large number of the youth of our Society.

From the reports which have come before us in relation to the important subjects of First day Schools and the cause of Peace we have been confirmed in the belief that a bleſsing has attended the efforts which have been made to increase the knowledge of the written word and to extend among the people the conviction that war is inconsistent with the teachings of him whom prophecy declared to be "the Prince of Peace" and whose coming was attended with the angelic announcement, "On earth, peace, good will toward men"

In connection with the report of our Freedmen's committee, - in which the hope was expreſsed, that,

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hereafter, our labors in their behalf would assume a more decidedly missionary character, - our souls have been brought into deep sympathy with all God's benighted children. Believing that we have been called upon to labor in every part of the vineyard where there is ignorance to be enlightened and sinful humanity is waiting for the redemption which is through Jesus Christ, we have t measures, by the appointment of a committee, to see what fields of missionary effort may be ope to us, and seek for and assist such as are ready to enter therein as laborers for him who has told us that "the field is the world".

In the love of the gospel we are your friends

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Charles R. Tucker
Clerk

## To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

We have been permitted again to assemble in our annual gathering & to realize the divine power and presence of Christ the living head most preciously manifest in our midst

We greet you in gospel love and acknowledge with thankfulness the reception of your brotherly message of Eleventh month last, feeling that through this epistolary interchange of Christian sentiment we are indeed strengthened and refreshed in the Lord.

Our meeting this year has been largely attended, a sweet spirit of harmony has prevailed and a deep feeling of interest in the great cause of spreading the Redeemer's kingdom has pervaded the assembly. Our ~~heavenly~~ Father's love has been graciously evidenced in sending among us from nearly all the Yearly Meetings on the globe chosen messengers who have proclaimed the

way of life and salvation with clearness & great power.
The reading of the answers to our Queries called forth much excellent counsel and tender sympathy.
We were encouraged to enter more earnestly into the dear Master's service - to surrender all to Christ - to hold all our bleſsings as from the Lord and even in the accumulation of earthly treasures to glorify him by a life of prayerfulness and trust.

We are glad to learn that the cause of Education in its broad sense, in which our hearts are deeply engaged, is so manifestly advancing among you and we desire your assistance in the great work. The system of public schools in New England being very commendable, and the great majority of our children, of necessity being educated therein, we have felt drawn, as individuals, to unite our labors with the public in raising these schools to a higher standard of excellence.

Our Boarding School at Providence is in a prosperous condition and although we have been necessarily obliged, the last year, to incur large expenditures for needed additions to the buildings we trust that the school, under its present financial prosperity will in a few years liquidate the expenses incurred

The report of our committee on Indian affairs was exceedingly interesting, several members of the aſsociated executive committee being present with us. Our hearts have gone out in great sympathy towards the red man and to those who are laboring in this cause. Two of their Miſsion schools - the Quapaws' and Peorias' - having been aſsigned to our care, we accept the trust as from our heavenly Father's hand.

The interests of the Freedmen our First day Schools and the cause of Peace still claim our earnest thought, and committees have been reappointed to have the immediate charge of these respective concerns.

The General Meetings held within our limits have been evidently owned by our dear

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God; many, we believe, have been blessed in the attendance of them, and many brought to a saving knowledge of redeeming love in Christ their living Saviour.

Now, unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, to him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages world without end.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Charles R. Tucker
Clerk

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To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

We send you our annual greeting, with feelings of tender love.

In reading the epistles addressed to us, this year, gratitude was felt for the spirit of love which pervades them, & we are cheered with these evidences that we are one people. Laboring to uphold the same blessed testimonies we are drawn into near sympathy one with another in all parts of the world where we are scattered. But it has been clearly set before us, at this time, that these testimonies may sometimes be held by tradition, and while the outward evidences may seem to prove that we are bearing the cross of Christ, the heart may still be unrenewed.

The prayer goes up from many hearts that our members may be in Christ & in him alone; that, being adopted into the family of God by a living faith and a consecration of all we have to him, we may be enabled to cry Abba, Father, with our mouths and our hearts, and in all our outward life seek to glorify him who has redeemed us; "the Spirit itself bearing witness with our spirits that we are the children of God". Our meeting at this time has been unusually interesting. Christian doctrine as revealed in the Bible has been brought out with clearness and power by the Lord's servants who have come amongst us; and we reverently believe that the Lord of the harvest has prepared much good ground for the reception of these things, by the instrumentality of our General Meetings for worship held the past year. These meetings are to be continued and we are exhorted to attend them with an individual interest, praying always that the good Shepherd may lead us in just the way that he may see fit to accomplish the great object of gathering souls into his fold.

Our Boarding School at Providence is reported to be doing the good work which is expected of it to general satisfaction.

Much interest is felt among us for the Indians, and we believe the Lord is calling on us to send faithful laborers to gather them also.

The mission of the church to labor at home and abroad for the spread of the Redeemer's kingdom, was brought brightly before us. May the work of individual consecration go on till the cry is heard in every part of our Society "Here am I; Lord, send me"

We feel to commend you, with ourselves, unto him who is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work", and are your friends

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Charles R. [illegible]
Clerk

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To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

In again assembling as a Yearly Meeting with the [illegible] in the Lord's [illegible] has given us to realize that his loving-kindness is

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still towards us. He has taught us afresh of the blessedness of the oneness of the members of the church of Christ.

As we come to be engrafted into the vine and so to abide then life and growth will be manifest and fruit will appear to the glory and praise of him who is the husbandman: a joyful experience of a loving service, indeed.

We received your fraternal message with others of like character and have been edified & instructed in these things. Our meeting is well attended, & a large number of friends engaged in the ministry of the word from other and distant Yearly Meetings is with us

The several branches of Christian work which have been prosecuted by our members have come before the meeting for review

The Committee in charge of our Boarding School made a favorable report, and it is believed that its capacity for efficiency & usefulness is superior to that of any former period.

Our committee on General meetings made a most interesting report, seven such meetings having been held during the year: very interesting and encouraging results were reported. Our committee was continued. Many of our members have opened their hearts to the discipline of the Spirit and are being prepared to labor in the Master's field; so that we can say with gladness of heart that the Lord has heard our prayer and revived his "work in the midst of the years".

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end, Amen

Brethren, farewell.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Charles R. Tucker

Clerk

To Western Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear brethren in Christ, children of the same family of faith and household of God, send hearty greetings at this time with renewed faith and confidence in the Lord. Never before have we felt so much like saying to each of our friends and neighbors, "Come thou with us and we will do thee good, for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel". We regard it as a hopeful sign of prosperity for the church when so many of the Lord's messengers are strong men in the vigor of life. Their testimony for the Lord & witnessing for Jesus have been clear & explicit in regard to the salvation that comes through repentance toward God and faith in the atoning blood that was shed on Calvary "that we being dead to sins should live unto righteousness".

The necessity of a full and complete consecration of our all unto the Lord that bought us was earnestly pressed upon us; for we cannot become the adopted children of the Lord unless we give ourselves to Him.

The glorious Bridegroom of Souls will not be the bridegroom of our souls unless we enter into covenant with him so that we may know that Jesus is ours and that we are his in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten. "For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but my kindness shall not depart from thee neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee"

There has been a large number of Friends from other Yearly Meetings in attendance on ours at this time. We welcome them all to a seat with us, we welcome them to our beautiful isle of the sea, and to the land of the forest and the rock, we give them the right hand of fellowship and bid them God speed in every good word and work; for there is room for all the reapers in the great harvest field of the Lord. May God bless you with the sweet incomes of his love, with the assurance

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With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren in the Lord: Farewell.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Charles F. Tucker
Clerk

To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

We have once more been permitted to assemble in this our annual gathering and united to worship Him who hath so mercifully preserved our lives unto this hour. May our hearts adore & our lips praise Him for all His benefits.

Your acceptable epistle has been read in this meeting to our comfort & encouragement.

We have been favored with the company of dear friends from both sides of the Atlantic, whose labors in the Master's work have, we trust, been greatly blessed.

Various important matters have claimed our attention, and prominent amongst them is our concern for the Indian tribes in the West. In this time of excitement when the spirit of extermination is rife in the land the cause of the red man finds few advocates. Driven from the graves of his fathers and hunted as the wild beasts, his condition calls loudly for our sympathy and care; & very tender have been our feelings towards him.

The Committee in charge of the Boarding School have made their annual report and from it we learn that the institution is in a prosperous condition and increasing in usefulness.

The Committee on Education have made their report, prominent in which is the subject of

First day Schools. This very important concern continues to claim our attention and care, and earnestly do we desire that all our members may obtain that thorough knowledge of the Holy Scriptures which shall make us indeed "wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus"

The Committee appointed a year ago to have charge of General Meetings have made a very satisfactory report. Seven meetings have been held, in which the glorious gospel of life has been fully preached, the careless and indifferent have been awakened, the repentant sinner has found pardon and full forgiveness and the Christian warrior anew incited to press on to victory under the great Captain of our salvation Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever.

Our meeting has been large, and the various matters of business have been transacted in love

The earnest deportment of our younger members has been cause for deep thankfulness; may the seed implanted in many hearts spring up & bring forth much fruit to the glory of Him who hath loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

Finally, brethren, farewell. "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you"

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Charles R Tucker
Clerk

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To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Just at the opening of the last sitting of this Yearly Meeting, your acceptable epistle of last year was received and read; we feel warmed to greet you, in view of your nearly approaching annual gathering by this token of our love and regard.

Our meeting has been a time of favor, the dear

1873. Master has himself been with us; in his love, differences of feeling and of judgment have been harmonized and we can unitedly bless his name for his goodness.

Of the various subjects which have claimed our consideration none has been more deeply interesting than that of holding in different localities within our limits, during the past year, General meetings for divine worship. The report of our committee, appointed for the first time, last year, has been highly encouraging to us and we find that these meetings, so tim entered upon in much weakness, have been uniformly owned and blessed by the Head of the church. The committee has been continued, in hope of further blessing through this instrumentality, and we desire the encouragement of all our friends, everywhere, in this work of faith.

The meeting of the associated committees of the different Yearly Meetings in this country, on the concern for the welfare of the Western tribes of Indians has just been held on this island, and several of the members of that committee, have been in attendance of our meeting. This subject has renewedly claimed our attention, and we have been encouraged to labor with greater zeal and efficiency for the moral and religious welfare of this injured class of our fellow men. Two tribes of the Indians have been specially assigned to this Yearly Meeting

We fervently desire for you and us, that in whatever service we may engage for the good of our fellow men, our faculties of body and mind may be so consecrated to the Lord that hath bought us, and that we may be so under his government & direction as to feel that not only the work but the power is his.

In this dedication of heart and of purpose we may confidently trust him for his blessing upon our labors, and thus, in our short lives, be made instrumental in spreading the kingdom of the dear Redeemer

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Charles R. Tucker
Clerk.

To Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Your acceptable of 10th month last has been received and read with feelings of much interest and brotherly regard; and we rejoice to learn that the Lord did abundantly bless you with showers of the gospel of peace in your first annual gathering and that in your meetings the ever blessed truth was manifest to the joy and delight of your souls.

We earnestly desire your preservation and growth in all things pertaining to godliness, remembering that godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come". We have had dear Friends with us from many of the different Yearly Meetings on this continent & from across the great waters who have given us much pertinent counsel and advice, & we believe that through the outpourings of the Holy Spirit upon their hearts, utterance has been given them to proclaim the glad tidings of salvation, not in the enticing words of man's wisdom but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power; so that we trust many souls have been brought out of darkness into his marvelous light and have experienced a remission of sins through the cleansing blood of Christ our Saviour. The examination into the state of our beloved Society, tho' deficiencies are apparent still gives us cause for encouragement. The necessity of pressing forward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, & loving the Lord our God with all our heart, soul & strength and our neighbor as ourselves was pressed home upon us with much power and favor. We have been enabled to transact our business in much love. Our committees on the Boarding School at Providence, on Education & the Freedmen have made very satisfactory reports. One year ago we appointed for the first time, a committee to have the care of General Meetings whose report at this time has been interesting & satisfactory. These meetings held during the year have been seasons of rejoicing in the Lord and many for the first time were enabled publickly to confess their Lord & Saviour. With the salutation of love we are your friends. Signed on behalf of the meeting

Charles [illegible] Clerk

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# To Friends in Norway 1873

Dear friends

Your very acceptable Epistle of 8th month last reached us in time to be read in this our annua aſsembly, with epistles from our brethren in England Ireland and from most of the Yearly Meetings on the American continent. These tokens of Christian love & union assure us that we are one people and are led by the sam Spirit. May we all become branches of the true Vine, members of one body, even of that body of which Christ Jesus is the glorified Head.

Abundant bleſsings are in the hand of our God for those who are the Lords and only his. He calls for the whole heart. In every age of the world his people have been a willing people in the day of his power. Let all who profeſs faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, be, in the hand of our God as clay in the hand of the potter, that each may be made a prepared vessel, fit for use in his house and service. Were this the case, what a power for good in the world would the church become. Then it might be truly said of her, "Thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee," In that day her sons shall come from afar and her daughters shall be nursed by her side, and she shall be called, "The city of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel"

We are glad to be informed that a translated copy of our epistle was sent to Friends in Denmark. Our love is warm towards them and you, with desires that the God of all grace may refresh and comfort you and them by his own good Spirit and lead you in the right way to the glory of his great Name.

With the salutation of love we are your friends

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Charles R Tucker
Clerk

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island, commencing at Newport the 13th of 6th Month 1874.

By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting, viz: from

Rhode Island. Perez Peck, Abner Slade, Samuel R. Buffinton, Levi Almy, Thomas B. Buffum, George Bowen, Joseph Cartland, Obadiah Chase, James R. Collins, Samuel Austin, Benjamin Buffum, William H. Ray

Salem - John Page, Daniel Breed, Moses Huntington, Timothy Hanson, Owen Dame, Moses Bailey, William O. Newhall, Thomas Folsom, James P. Boyce, William A. Brown, Moses F. Rogers, Samuel P. Johnson, Benjamin H. Jones, John H. Crossman, Charles H. Jones, Philip Chase

Sandwich - George Howland Jr., Edward W. Howland, Joseph S. [illegible], Charles Fisher, David W. Akin, Jabez Wood, Nathan F. Sheppard, Arnold Hoxie, William C. Taber, Benjamin Gifford, Isaac R. Gifford, Charles R. Tucker, Edward G. Dillingham, Josiah Holmes Jr. Arnold Gifford.

Falmouth. - Abram Winslow, Augustus F. Cox, Freeman Andrews, George Douglas, Edward C. Jones, Charles A. Nichols, Clark N. Maxfield, Cyrus Cartland, Lemuel Jones.

Smithfield - Edward Earle, Jonathan F. Southwick, Isaac Steere, Reuben A. Wheeler, Nelson Taft, Anthony Chase, Thomas [illegible], Richard Battey, Thomas A. Wheeler, Timothy K. Earle

Vassalboro = Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, George W. Moulton, Robert Hanson, Wm. H. Cates, Josiah Philbrick, Jeremiah R. Jones, Stephen Jones, Charles B. Cates, Elisha [illegible].

Dover - Jacob W. Purinton, Joseph H. Pratt, John [illegible], Timothy B. Hussey, Tobias Meader, William Jepson, Russell Hoag.

Fairfield Joseph Taylor, Noah Farr, George Richardson, Reuben T. Jones, Henry Winslow & Moses Bailey.

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1. On calling their names, they were present except six; reasons were given for the absence of three.

2. We have acceptably in the attendance of this meeting beloved friends from the following Yearly Meetings, viz. Rebecca Collins of New York; James C. Thomas, of Baltimo Allen Jay and William L. Sumner, of North Carolin Caroline E. Talbot, of Ohio; Isaac Jay & John P. Penningto of Indiana; Rebecca Clauson, of Western; Elwood Ozb Daniel Fry and Josiah Dillon of Iowa; & Eliza H. Varney of Canada. Certificates from their respective meetings expressing unity with them as ministers & with thei religious engagements were read.

3. We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Charles S. Hubbard and Hilda [illegible] of Indian Yearly Meeting. Certificates for them from the ministerial board of that Yearly Meeting expressing unity with them as ministers and with their religious engagements were read.

4. Our beloved friends Martha A. Jay, an elder who accompanies her husband Allen Jay, Elizabeth H. Burg an elder, companion to Rebecca Clauson & Judith Fry, an elder who accompanies her husband Daniel Fry, Lydia Ozbun who accompanies her husband Ellwood Ozbun Levi Varney companion to his wife Eliza H. Varney are acceptably with us and presented satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings.

5. We are in receipt of truly acceptable Epistles from our friends of the Yearly Meetings of Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada, Kansas, and from friends with whom we correspond in Norway, which have been read. These communications of brotherly love from friends of those Yearly Meetings have sweetly brought them afresh to our remembrance in the love of the gosp and our hearts are comforted in believing that we are one in Christ.

6. We appoint the following friends to prepare, as wa may open, essays of Epistles to those meetings, incl those friends in Norway, & to London, from which no Epistle has yet come to hand, and present them to a future sitting viz.: Eli Jones, William C. Taber,

Henry T. Wood, Obadiah Chase, Josiah Holmes jr, John D. Lang Matthew Howland, Newell Hoxie, Lemuel Jones, William A. Brown David K. Akin, Thomas B. Buffum, Joseph Cartland, George Richardson, John Paige, John " A. Macomber, Albert K. Smiley, Isaac Steere, Edward Earle, Samuel R. Buffinton, Ephraim Breed, Augustine Jones, John H. Crosman, " James P. Boyce, John F. Tucker, Thomas B. Nichols, Benjamin H. Jones, Timothy K. Earle, Oren Dame, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles A. Nichols, Albert C. Buffum, Charles B. Cates, Josiah Philbrook, Joseph H. Pratt, William C. Munro, William H. Perry, James R. Taber

7. We have received communications addressed to this meeting from W. F. Whitcher, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Society, offering the use of their meeting house on Marlborough St. for Friends to occupy on First day afternoon; and from S. Leader, pastor of the Thames St. M. E. Society, extending to us the use of their house of worship for occupancy on First day afternoon & evening.

8. The offerings thus freely made are grateful to our feelings, and are a renewed evidence of Christian courtesy & love from those societies to Friends, and we refer the subject for consideration & arrangement to the following friends, viz.: George Bowen, Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, Edward Earle, George Howland jr, Joseph Cartland, Richard Battey & Thomas B. Buffum " whom we appoint to unite with a similar committee of women friends on this concern and to make such arrangements during this Yearly Meeting for meetings for religious worship as way may open for in the truth; and they are requested to make arrangements, as to place and time, for the various committees to meet, which are appointed on the service of this meeting.

The clerk is directed to furnish the above named Societies with copies of this minute so far as it relates to each respectively. Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon; Friends met according to adjournment.

9. Stephen Jones, on behalf of the representatives, reported that they had conferred together and were united in proposing Charles J. Tucker for clerk & William O. Newhall for assistant clerk, which being separately considered, were approved by the meeting & they are appointed to those services for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

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10. The London Epistle of the present year has been recei ed in this meeting, the reading of which has brough these dear friends, though widely separated, very n to us in spirit, in the bonds of Christian love. It is referred to our committee on correspondence

11. Our several Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid, or directed to be paid, their proportion of stock called for last year, to our Treasurer. We appoint Thomas Harkness, Owen Dame, David Kelley, George Douglass, Samuel H. Colton, Charles B. Coates, Jacob N Purinton and Henry Winslow to audit and settle the Treasurer's account; to propose a sum sufficien to be raised for the use of this meeting the ensuing year, and the name of a friend for Treasurer; and also the name of a friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, and report at a future sitting.

12. We appoint Albert K. Smiley, Moses F. Rogers, Matthew Howland, Charles W. Goddard, Thomas A. Wheeler, Thomas B. Nichols, Timothy B. Hussey and George Richardson to prepare a summary of the answ to the Queries from our Quarterly Meetings & present it to our next meeting.

13. Our beloved friend David Tatum, from Ohio, is accep table in the attendance of this meeting. Certificates from his Monthly & Quarterly Meetings have been read expressing unity with him as a minister & with his present engagements.

14. We are informed by the accounts from our Quarte Meetings that Dartmouth Monthly Meeting has appoin ed George W. Francis its correspondent; address Dartmouth, Mass.

15. Westport Monthly Meeting has appointed James H. Gifford correspondent of that meeting Address Central Village, Mass.

16. New Bedford Monthly Meeting has appointed George Howland Jr. its correspondent; address New Bedford, Mass.

17. Timothy B. Hussey is appointed correspondent of Berwick Monthly Meeting, address, North Berwick,

18. Reuben T. Jones has been appointed correspondent of Litchfield Monthly Meeting; address. Winthrop, Me.

19. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Thomas B. Buffum, and in the appointment of Margaret Anthony & George Bowen to the Station of elder. And it has also united with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Edward W. Collins; and with the same meeting in the appointment of Ruth Ann Collins to the station of elder.
David Buffum, an elder, a member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, deceased 12th mo. 28th 1873 aged 86 years, 3 days. Ruth Chase, wife of Stephen, of the same meeting, an elder, died 1st. mo. 31st 1874, aged 73 years 7 mo's & 6 days. Mary D. Collins, an elder, a member of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting died 7th mo. 9th 1873. aged 62 years 6 mo's 14 days
20. Salem Quarterly Meeting has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in withdrawing its acknowledgement of the ministry of Samuel Boyce, and with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas [illegible] to the Station of elder; and with Weare Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Huldah E. Jones and Lavinia G. Huntington.
Daniel Paige, a minister, and a member of Salem Monthly Meeting deceased 1st. mo. 10th 1874 aged 65 years 3 months and 10 days; Hannah Paige, an elder, and a member of the same meeting, died 5th mo. 10th 1874. aged 67. years 10 mo's and 20 days.
21. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting has united with Westport Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift & approving the public ministry of Mary E. Gifford; with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Hoxie to the station of elder; and with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ephraim Gifford to the same Station.
Mary R. King, an elder, a member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting deceased 9th mo. 11th 1873, aged 73 years 4 days.
22 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Josiah R. Prescott, Edward S. Hacker and Martha M. Rainey, and in the appointment of Samuel Jones, Elvira R. Andrews & Phebe R. Cartland to the station of

elder; with Windham Monthly Meeting in acknowledgin the gift and approving the public ministry of Phebe S. Pope; and with Limington Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Anna Cartland to the station of elder.

Nancy Maxfield, an elder, a member of Windham Monthly Meeting, died 9th mo. 17th 1873, aged 92 yrs 20d

23. Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lavini J. Taber, Esther Taber, Eliza P. Gardner & Rebecca S. Pope t the station of elder. Fanny Cole, an elder, a member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting died 8th mo. 10th 1873, aged 66 years 11 mos 26 days; Sybil Jones, a minister, and member of China Monthly Meeting deceased 12 mo 4. 187 aged 65 years 9 mos 6 days.

24. Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that Isaac Varney an elder, a member of Berwick Monthly Meeting, decease 4th mo. 26th 1874.

25. Fairfield Quarterly Meeting has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift & approving the public ministry of Mary Alice Gifford; with the same meeting in the appointment of Mary Gifford & Isaac Winslow; with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in appointing Phebe P. Jones & Lavina M. Briggs; and with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Winslow to the station of elder. Charles F. Coffin, a minister and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting died 12th mo. 19th 1873 aged 79 years 8 mos 2 days. Marcia P. Hawkes, an elder a member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting deceased 11th m 28th 1873.

26. The following summary of the Answers to the Queri from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders was received and read

Ans. 1. Ministers and elders are diligent in attendi their meetings for worship and discipline, with one or two exceptions reported from one Quarterly Meeting, and careful to promote the attendance of their famili

2d. The lives and conversation of ministers and elders are in good measure clean & blameless among men, and with some exception, they are in unity on with another, and with the meeting to which they belong, endeavoring to harmonize in labor for the honor of truth.

Ans. 3d With little exception, ministers & elders are careful to rule their own houses well, and endeavor by example and precept, to train up their families in a religious life & conversation consistent with our Christian profession.

— 4th Ministers & elders are generally preserved in love, with slight exception mentioned in one report, and are engaged to administer encouragement or counsel as occasion may require, in reference to ministry or conduct.

27. The Boarding School Committee have laid before the meeting the following report, viz.:

To the Yearly Meeting

The committee intrusted with the care and management of the Boarding School at Providence, report: that they have given such attention to its concerns as way has opened for and feel warranted in stating their belief that the institution as to its educational capacity, the situation of its financial affairs and the religious feeling that appears to pervade in an encouraging degree, the inmates of the school, was probably never in a better condition.

Since last year, the school has grown decidedly in numbers, being now much larger than ever before. The advance in scholarship has also been marked; nearly all the old officers, with their additional experience, have been retained, and courses of lectures by three professors in Brown University have been established, in addition to the regular studies.

The number of pupils during the autumn term was two hundred twenty two, viz.: one hundred forty three boys and seventy nine girls: spring term, two hundred and nineteen, viz.: one hundred forty one boys & seventy eight girls.

Notwithstanding the large number of pupils that have been provided for within its walls, with the blessing of a kind Providence, but few cases of severe sickness have occurred. During the fall term, the School was remarkably free from illness of any kind, while, during the spring term, although colds have been prevalent to some extent, and a number of cases of mild disease have occurred, with a few instances of a more aggravated type, one of which proved fatal — yet the health of the School has been generally good. The case referred to was Edna L. Barber, the daughter of Adams J. Barber, of

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Pawtucket. She died of rheumatic fever, and our princip informed us that the sweetness & patience with which sh bore her painful illness was a teaching lesson to all around her.

The officers of the school are, Albert K. Smiley, princip Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department, John Rowell, Jos. S. Gidley, Alice R. Wing, Bessie S. Kin Martha E. Read and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches; Thomas J. Battey, teacher of Natural Science, Daniel C. Mayfield teacher of Mathematics, Alonzo Williams teacher of Greek, Latin & German, Clarence Collins assistant teacher of Latin, Charles H Gates, teacher of French, Lewis Dinman teacher of history and Katharine H. Austin, teacher of drawing.

After consideration of the subject, the committee cam to the conclusion, that the best interests of the School would be promoted by returning to the former practice of holding religious meetings for the pupils and family at the school house. Accordingly, stated meetings for divine worship are now held in the hall of the institution on First days at 11 o'clock A. M and on Fourth day at the same hour. These meetings have been attended by one or more members of the committee, and have been held to good satisfaction.

The quiet and orderly deportment of the young people on these occasions, has been very commendable. First da afternoons & evenings have been occupied as heretofore.

Since our last Yearly Meeting a house has been erected for the residence of a farmer & his family at a cost of $2534.63

Payments for additional furniture, water-hose and expense of moving & resetting outbuildings have amtd to $1326.9

$3861.57

The annual repairs to the building & furniture paid from the gross receipts of the school have cost over $4000

From the report of the auditing committee, the receipts & expenditures of the school & charitable fun including the Ebenezer Metcalf and other donations, are as follows "School Fund"

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| Insurance premium returned | $97.80 |
| Income from the investments | 6732.46 |
| | $ 6830.26 |

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| Paid insurance premium &c. | $316.60 | |
| Paid A. K. Smiley | $6231.82 | |
| Balance on hand | 281.84 | $6830.26 |

## Charitable Fund

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| Balance of last year's account | | $844.01 |
| Income from investments | | 2240.96 |
| | | $3084.97 |
| Paid School bills | $2050. | |
| Balance on hand 5mo., 1874 | 1034.97 | $3084.97 |

This income will warrant the admission of twenty three pupils on the fund the ensuing year.

The present indebtedness of the school 6th mo. 2d 1874 is as follows

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| Due the Treasurer of the Yearly Mtg for money loaned School as | $15,498.93 |
| On contracts for building a carriage house, storehouse shed &c. now in course of erection | $4000.00 |
| | 19,498.93 |
| Less unexpended amt. of estimated profits of School, pres't year | 3,750. |
| Present indebtedness | $15,748.93 |

It is proposed that the present charge for board & tuition be continued viz.

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| For members of this Yearly Meeting | $100 |
| For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such | $190 |
| For all others that may be admitted | $300 |

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, German or Drawing, one half payable at the commencement of the year and one half at the opening after recess.

In conclusion, we feel bound again to commend the School to the special notice & consideration of Friends, believing as we do, that we have an institution that is well worthy, from the extent & character of its accommodations and appointments, of the support of the members of our religious Society, and that with this united concern for its welfare & the blessing of Heaven on the well intended efforts of those concerned in its management, it will continue to be an instrumentality for good to the rising generation among us.

On behalf & by direction of the committee

Providence 6mo. 3d 1874.

Wm. C. Taber, clerk.

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Note - The Autumn term begins 9 mo. 2d 1874
and closes 1 mo. 20. 1875
Winter recess begins 1 mo. 20. '75 closes 2d mo. 3. '75
"Spring term " 2d mo. 3d '75 & closes 6 mo. 23d 1875

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the 1st of 8th mo. next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date after which, applications will be acted on in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds, or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation should apply at the time specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits and literary attainments of the applicant

All applications should be made to the Principal
Address Albert K. Smiley, Principal Friends B. School
Providence R. I.

Which being read and considered, is approved by this meeting and the committee appointed last year is re-appointed on that service, in connection with a similar committee of Women Friends, to have the oversight and charge of the school for the ensuing year, & they are encouraged to labor, as ability may be afforded, in promoting the best interest of the institution. The debt against the school of about $15.700 as shown in the report, it appears may be paid from the funds which are likely to be received from the city of Providence for land taken for the laying out of Lloyd St. and the widening of Hope St. as stated by the treasurer of the school fund.

In taking into consideration the large and valuable real estate belonging to the school, which is not, at present, producing any income beyond what is realized from the farm, and a part of the land which was purchased by the Yearly Meeting of the heirs of Thomas [illegible] having become very valuable, it is the judgment of this meeting that some portion of said land which was purchased as above be sold, when in the opinion of the committee it will best promote the interest of the school. And this meeting recommends that the money received from such sale be [illegible] be added to the permanent fund, the income of which is to be used for schooling the members of this Yearly Meeting, unless in the judgment of the committee there should exist a necessity for a part of the money to be used for the erection of new fences, and some needed outlay on the original School buildings.

And the School committee is hereby authorized & empowered by this meeting, acting on its behalf, to make sales of such portions of the "Thomas R. Hazard land" so called, at such times and for such sums of money as in their judgement will most favorably promote the objects above named. And George Howland Jr., the treasurer of this Yearly Meeting, or his successor in that office, is hereby authorized & directed to make & execute good & sufficient deeds of conveyance, and sign the same on behalf of this Yearly Meeting adopting his seal as the corporate seal of this meeting, when requested so to do by the said School committee.

School Committee, Men Benjamin Buffum, Charles F. Coffin, Edward W. Howland, Oliver Robinson, Edward Earle, Timothy B. Hussey, Thomas B. Nichols, Moses Bailey, William C. Taber, Charles R. Tucker, Samuel Austin, George Howland Jr., Gideon C. Smith. — Women Sarah F. Tobey, Ann Maria Coffin, Gulielma T. Howland, Mary C. Hawkes, Ann B. Earle, Anna M. Hussey, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Hannah T. Bailey, Dorcas B. Robinson, Ellen W. Buffum, Laura S. Collins, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Mary A. Smith.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock A.M. Second day morning

Second day morning 6th Mo. 15th Friends convened pursuant to adjournment. The representatives present except six; for the absence of one a reason was given.

29. Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones and William C. Taber are appointed to embody in a minute the religious exercises of this meeting during the time occupied in reading the Queries & the Answers from our Quarterly Meetings, & present it to a future sitting.

30. As we trust, under a precious covering of the Lord's Spirit, the meeting entered upon the consideration of the state of society in reading the Queries with the Answers from our Quarterly Meetings, and having proceeded in reading the first Query with the answers thereto, the meeting then adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon, when the meeting again assembled and completed the reading of the answers.

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## Summary Answers

1st All our meetings for worship and discipline have be regularly held excepting thirty eight meetings for worship and the Preparative meetings, many of which were small meetings, omitted on account of inclement weather. Friends are mostly engaged to attend them duly, and at the appointed hour, although the meeting held on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week are much neglected by some: clear of unbecoming behavior with few exceptions; some care taken.

2d Love & unity in a good degree maintained; detraction guarded against with some exceptions; when differences arise, care is taken to end them.

3d, Most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and are endeavoring by example & precept to train up those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession; but an increased attention, in some instances to the training of children is desirable.

4th. Most Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually as well as collectively in their families, and generally encourage their children in the practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained with few exceptions.

5th The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is avoid with three exceptions in one Quarterly Meeting & a few exceptions in two others. Mostly careful to avoid amusements inconsistent with our religious profession.
Moderation generally observed.

6th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to; care has been taken to obtain for them suitable employment & the education of their children is provided for.

7th. Friends faithfully maintain our testimony against bearing arms & other military matters, against oaths, and against defrauding the public revenue, with some exceptions, mentioned in two Quarterly Meetings.

8th. Friends are mostly careful to inspect their affai and settle their accounts, punctual to their promises & just in the payment of their debts, & careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9. Careful as to records; some removals without certificates.

10. The discipline is administered in Christian tenderness

and impartiality; but not always so timely as would be best. We trust judgement is placed in the authority of truth and according to discipline. —

31. Our beloved friend Hannah B. Tatum is acceptably in the attendance of this meeting. Certificates from [illegible] and Salem Quarterly Meetings, Ohio, have been read expressing unity with her ministry & with her religious engagements.

Adjourned to the 10th hour tomorrow morning.

Third day morning, 6mo. 16. The meeting assembled according to adjournment.

32. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting proposes to change the time of commencing their meeting in the 10th mo, from 11 o'clock to 10 o'clock A.M. which is approved by this meeting.

33. Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting proposes to hold that meeting in the 2d month at China, and that the time for commencing that Quarterly Meeting be changed from 11 to 10 o'clock in the morning, which this meeting approves.

34. The following Statistical accounts from our Quarterly Meetings, giving the changes which have taken place in the number of members, the past year, has been read, stating the present number to be 4397, which shows the number to be eight less than last year.

| | Births | Deaths | Removed in | Removed out | Admitted | Disowned Released | Whole Number |
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| Rhode Island — — — — | 3 | 13 | 8 | 13 | 5 | 1 | 667 |
| Salem — — — — | 4 | 17 | 11 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 732 |
| Sandwich — — — — — | 0 | 16 | 5 | 8 | 13 | 6 | 788 |
| Falmouth — — — | 4 | 6 | 11 | 23 | 6 | 0 | 594 |
| Smithfield — — — — | 1 | 9 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 430 |
| Vassalboro — — — — — | 3 | 10 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 574 |
| Dover — — — — — — | 1 | 8 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 319 |
| Fairfield — — — — — | 2 | 13 | 4 | [illegible] | 9 | 1 | 363 |
| | 18 | 92 | 53 | 71 | 37 | 13 | 4397 |

35. Two of the representatives absent yesterday, are present this morning.

36. The Quarterly Meetings of Falmouth, Vassalboro & Fairfield have requested the Yearly Meeting to consider the propriety of holding its sessions on alternate years in the city of Portland, Maine. The following friends are appointed to unite with

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a similar committee of Women Friends in carefully considering the subject and report their judgment in the case at a future meeting, viz.: Thomas Harkness, George Brown, William O. Newhall, Thomas Folsom, William C. Taber, George Howland Jr., Robert Goddard, Simeon Jones, Richard Bailey, Samuel H. Cotton, Eli Jones, Charles B. Cates, Albert C. Buffum, Timothy B. Hussey, Moses Bailey & George Richardson.

Women. Gertrude W. Cartland, Anna J. Dennis, Abigail M. Hanson, Mary Alice Brown, Sarah H. Anthony, Lucy W. Tucker, Mary C. Hawkes, Jane C. Minott, Abby A. Buffum, Lydia Knight, Mary C. Jones, Margaret B. Cates, Hannah Hunter, Mary H. Estes, Phebe P. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey.

Adjourned to meet in joint session with Women Friends at the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon, — assembled according to adjournment

37. The Records of our Representative Meeting for the past year were now read, and the doings of that meeting are approved by us.

38. A memorial was received, given forth by Seabrook Monthly Meeting, approved by Salem Quarterly Meeting, on behalf of our beloved friend Elizabeth Gove, the reading of which brought this dear servant of the Lord sweetly to our remembrance. She was truly a mother in Israel.

39. The joint committee appointed last year on the subject of Foreign Missions submitted the following report, viz.: To the Yearly Meeting

The joint committee intrusted with the concern of this meeting upon the subject of Foreign Missions present the following report, viz.:

We deeply felt our insufficiency for the work in this new and untried field, but we thankfully acknowledge that our Heavenly Father has been pleased to open the way for some service in it.

Soon after the Yearly Meeting, letters were received giving the information that Theophilus Waldmeier, a devoted servant of the Lord, with whom Friends in England had been favorably impressed, had felt constrained to leave the Schools where he had been employed in Beirut, mainly on account of feeling scrupulous about taking part in the forms and ceremonies required of him therein, although he still felt called to missionary work.

Our committee was called together at Lynn, when the case was laid before them, together with all the information we had obtained respecting the field which seemed opening in Syria, of the situation of Theophilus Waldemeier & his fitness for the work, and of his willingness to carry it on under our direction. After careful consideration of the whole subject, and seeking for direction from the Head of the church, we were united in accepting this as a providential opening for the spread of the gospel, and for the advancement of the Lord's kingdom on the earth; and the mission work then entered upon has been mainly under our care, the agent reporting directly to this committee. We were, however, from the first much encouraged by the assurance of the sympathy & cooperation of English Friends, and they have sympathetically & efficiently seconded our efforts in the undertaking.

Theophilus Waldemeier is a native of Switzerland; he has had large experience in missionary labor in Abyssinia and other countries. His wife, Susan Waldemeier, is the daughter of an Englishman who, for a number of years, held a high position in the Abyssinian government. Those acquainted with Theophilus Waldemeier have been favorably impressed with the simple earnestness of his Christian character, while the acquaintance of both with the Arabic language adds greatly to their usefulness in their present position. Gradually Theophilus Waldemeier has been led to embrace views respecting the prominent doctrines of the gospel, & especially the teachings of the Holy Spirit, in accordance with the principles professed by Friends, and a recent letter states that he has applied for membership among us.

It was at Brumana, in the district of Meten, Syria, about 12 miles from Beirut, on the western slope of Mt. Lebanon that Theophilus Waldemeier and his beloved companion were, after prayerful consideration, led to locate themselves; and in this land, hallowed with Bible memories, they commenced their work in the 7th month 1873. It is estimated that this district has a population of 60.000 souls, one half of whom are Maronites, and the others Druses, Greek Catholics, Moslems &c. Nearly all of them are ignorant and superstitious.

1874, Three schools for children have been established, two at Brumana and one at Beit Meri, a few miles distant. The girls' school at Brumana contains thirty scholars; the boys' school, fifty. The boys school at Beit Meri also numbers fifty scholars. One evening school for adults has also been held at Brumana, & three teachers have been employed. Applications have come from several of the neighboring villages that schools may be established in them, and Theophilus Waldemeier can but recognize, in this desire for instruction, the Spirit of God working amid this ignorant & degraded people. No mission has before been established in this district and the willingness manifested to receive the gospel message is wonderful. Ready access to the people seems to be afforded to Theophilus Waldemeier, sometimes in teaching publicly & from house to house; sometimes more privately, and even secretly in his own dwelling where several of the priests & monks have resorted to learn the way of salvation by Jesus Christ; while at other times his house has been thronged by eager listeners, who from early morning until late in the evening, have come to hear of a Savior for sinners. He writes; "At one house among the Druses, I was received with great gladness, when I spoke to them as I felt moved by the Spirit of the Lord, and all, with the exception of three men, confessed that there is only salvation through Jesus Christ.

Several monks and priests have expressed a desire to renounce their idolatrous worship and burdensome ceremonies, and one has left the convent & placed himself as pupil among the boys in our Mission School at Brumana. Persecution, the sure test of faith, has not been wanting to these, and the Maronite bishop has threatened the excommunication of all who resort to the Protestant mission, but the people continue to press to hear the glad tidings of a free salvation, & the Lord still cares for his own.

The influence of Susan Waldemeier among the women has also been blessed, her familiarity with their native tongue enabling her to understand & instruct them with much ease. They appear to be even more ignorant & superstitious than the men, few could appeal to the highly favored women of our religious society to use their influence in this cause. May it not be considered as a debt that we owe for our especial privileges?

The cost of carrying on the mission work last year was about £200 sterling, or a little upwards of 1000 dollars. Of this sum Friends in England furnished one half, & the remainder was raised by private subscription almost entirely among Friends in our Yearly Meeting. Some funds were also furnished in addition, for the schools, by friends of Theophilus Waldmeier in Switzerland.

In looking forward to another year, it appears probable that the field of labor, so providentially opened before us will continue to widen. We earnestly desire that Divine Wisdom may guide the counsels of our meeting in regard to a service which we believe the dear Master has laid before Friends of New England. We commend it to the protection of our Father in heaven, and to the prayerful consideration of Friends

For the committee, Susan Taber, clerk

Newport, 6mo. 15th 1874

Committee on Foreign Missions

In account with George Howland Jr. Treasurer

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| 1873 | Dr. | | |
| 11 mo. | To cash received at Lynn | $174.92 | |
| 12 " | " at New Bedford | 50. | |
| 1874. 2d mo 6. | To cash collected at Providence | 120. | |
| " " 8 | " " New Bedford | 20. | |
| " " 19 | " from sundry persons | 71.40 | |
| " 4 mo 1. | " collected at Weare | 23.19 | |
| " " | " " " New Bedford | 106. | |
| " 5 mo. 25 | " from two Fds to support teacher 1 yr. | 150. | |
| | " " Providence | 3. | |
| | | $718.51 | |
| | To cash from West China Sewing circle | 20 | $738.51 |
| 1873. | Cr | | |
| 12 mo. 10 | By cash paid for bill £50 on London | $266.45 | |
| 1874. 4 mo. 6th | " " " 50 £ | 277.53 | |
| | By balance on hand to new acct | 194.53 | $738.51 |

Newport 6mo. 13. 1874 George Howland Jr. Treasurer

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40. The amount accomplished by them in the short span of one year is satisfactory to this meeting, & we believe is to be the commencement of a work which with the Divine blessing, will lead many into the fold of Christ. The committee are continued in that service for the ensuing year with the exception of our dear friend Sybil Jones, deceased, and with the addition of Julia Ann Hodgdon and Benjamin F. Knowles. Our prayers go with the committee in this engagement.

41. Names of committee Eli Jones, Ellen L. Congdon, Joseph E. Macomber, Timothy H. Earle, Rebecca H. Smiley John H. Crosman, Thomas Wood, Susan Taber, Deborah W. Crosman, Harriet N. Jones, George Howland, Jr., Sylvia G. Howland, Jabez Wood, Charles M. Bailey, Albert C. Buffum, Ann B. Earle, Charles C. Varney, Lydia Ann [illegible], Abby S. Batty, Lydia E. Sawyer, Mary B. [illegible], Anna S. [illegible], Chas. B. Cates, Margaret S. Cates, Charity G. Chase, Julia Ann Hodgdon, Benjamin F. Knowles.

42. The committee on the subject of the Freedmen presented their annual report, which being read awakened a fresh concern for this interesting people, in whose welfare we have long felt a deep interest. The report is acceptable, & we appoint Ephraim Gifford, David K. [illegible], [illegible], Charity G. Chase, Ellen L. Congdon, Sarah F. Tobey & Dorcas F. Tucker to present to a future sitting the names of a small committee to carry out the recommendations contained in the report for the ensuing year, & the treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay the sum named [illegible] annually, to said committee to be used for that service agreeable to the report, and we crave that further blessings may be witnessed through the labors of the committee.

To the Yearly Meeting

Your committee in charge of the mission for the Freed People at Washington, would report, That during the last year their operations have been mainly confined to the sale of the real estate, which has been sold, and all debts paid; and as by report of the treasurer hereto annexed, it will be seen the balance remaining in their hands is about [illegible]. Victoria [illegible] has continued her attendance at Howard University & will soon complete her 2d ye

She is to have another year before graduation, at which time the Normal School Fund, from which she has been supported there will be exhausted. Mary Smith has received tuition at Howard University but has boarded with our friends John C. & Hannah Gove. We ask for both these girls the care & consideration of the future committee. We would now recommend that the sum of $300 be raised by this meeting annually and added to the interest of the $4700, and the amount thus in hand (about $600. a year) be placed in the hands of a wise & judicious committee, to be expended for the spiritual & educational improvement of the freed people.

For the committee

Edward W. Howland

Newport 6mo. 16th 1874 Ann B. Earle

New England Friends' Mission at Washington in Account, & Interest Account to 11mo. 28. 1873, with Edward W. Howland

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| 1873. | Dr. | | |
| 6mo. 16, | To Balance due from old account | $3.961.63 | |
| | Interest 7 per ct. 5mo. 12 days | | $124.79 |
| | Balance of interest account | 55.63 | |
| | Bal. of acc't invested at 7 per ct. | 3781.74 | |
| | | 7799.00 | $124.79 |
| 1873 | Cr. | | |
| 8mo. 2d | By cash received from John C. Gove | $2840.00 | |
| | Interest 3mo. 28 days | | $64.05 |
| 11-18 | Cash rec'd from Edward Earle | $3080.00 | |
| | Interest | | 55.63 |
| 11mo. 14 | Cash received from Edw. Earle | 1879.00 | |
| | Interest | | 3.11 |
| | Balance of interest account | $7799.00 | $124.79 |
| 1873 | | | |
| 11mo. 28 | To balance of this acc't invested at 7 per cent | $3781.74 | |

New Bedford 6mo. 10th 1874 Edward W. Howland

Note. Balance of this amount invested $3781.74; interest to 6mo. 10, 1874. at 7 per cent $141.19 $3922.93
Am't due from John C. Gove $800, int. on it 47.91 " 847.91
Amount unexpended $4770.84

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The nominating committee presented the following names: Edward W. Howland; Gulielma W. Howland; Benjamin Buffum, Ellen W. Buffum, Edward Earle; Ann B. Earle; and they are appointed on that service.

Adjourned; to meet in joint session at 10 A.M. tomor

Third day, 6th mo. 17th. The meeting again assembled in joint session.

44. The committee appointed last year to carry ou the concern of this Yearly Meeting in regard to the Indians west of the Mississippi river, have presented report, which is as follows, viz.:

To the Yearly Meeting

The joint committee appointed last year upon the concer of this meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi river, report:

At our first meeting, held in Newport immediately after our appointment, Edward W. Howland & Edward Earl were appointed to represent this committee in the Associat executive committee on Indian concerns in the severa Yearly Meetings. Arrangements were also made to engag in the duty specially assigned to us by the Yearly Meeti viz.; the fostering care and supervision of two Schools within the limits of the Quapaw Agency; & it was appre hended that our charge embraced not only their literary but their religious & scriptural instruction. While the general government furnishes buildings for the purpos and defrays the expense of superintendents & teachers, &, also supplies the necessary food for the mission, it is expected of us to provide suitable clothing for the childr to see that books, papers and other necessary articles are furnished for the schools, and, in general, to promote the moral and religious growth of our charge, & their advancement in civilized life.

In the 10th month, four of our number visited the Indian Agency. They were also accompanied by two friends from New Bedford. Although the Schools were not in session at the time of this visit, yet the committee were able to brin us valuable information respecting their condition & needs.

The Quapaw Mission building is located in the Indian Territory a few miles west of Baxter Springs, Kansas.

There are seven tribes in this agency, under the supervision of United States Agent Hiram W. Jones. Four schools are sustained within the agency, although only two are under our care, viz., one composed of Quapaw children exclusively, and the other of Peorias, with a few confederate Miamis. Our friend Asa C. Tuttle is charged by the government with the general supervision of the schools. His wife Emeline H. Tuttle is an efficient teacher & manager in the Quapaw Mission.

Considerable effort had been made for the supply of the wants of the schools, when in the 11th mo. our care & responsibility were largely increased by the arrival, within our territorial limits, of the remnant of the Modoc tribe 152 in number, who were encamped about 15 miles from the mission. Nearly without food, and very scantily furnished with clothing, their pitiful condition drew heavily upon the time, the sympathy & the resources of the caretakers at the agency, and we were hastily called upon for assistance. New & second-hand clothing, bedding & boots & shoes were forwarded as fast as they could be collected, & we gratefully acknowledge the alacrity with which Friends in different parts of this Yearly Meeting & also in some instances beyond our limits hastened to aid us. The energies of the agent & of our friends Asa & Emeline Tuttle were exerted to the utmost, & thus the most pressing wants of this people were soon in a measure supplied, & they were induced to place a few of the children in the school.

We have been much encouraged in our efforts, by continued accounts of the good progress of the children in their studies at school. In the Quapaw Mission the whole number of scholars admitted since last autumn has been 70. The The average attendance during the first quarter, was 25; since the arrival of the Modocs it has been 50. Number of boys admitted, 41; girls 29. The oldest scholar is about 20 years of age, the youngest, 5 years. Considering that about a year of patient application is required for the children to speak the English language with confidence, their improvement has been rapid. Object teaching, card primer, 1st, 2d, 3d & 4th Readers, mental arithmetic, writing and geography are the studies pursued. Sophronia Tellis has assisted Emmeline Tuttle a portion of the time in this school, although her time is mostly occupied in the boarding department.

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"I can say," writes E. H. Tuttle, "that I have never seen more rapid improvement than has been perceptible in the Modoc children. Generally the mental powers of the Indians must be drawn out in order to effect any improvement, but the Modocs are energetic & ambitious with an active brain, which readily grasps whatever comes within their observation. Thirty three of these children were enrolled, of whom one is now at home on account of the sickness of her mother. Thirty are in our family, and during the late severe epidemic two were taken away to Camp Modoc & died there"

Among the Peorias a day school has been sustained with an average attendance of 20 scholars. They have a [illegible] teacher whose [illegible] & instruction & Christian influence have been valuable. A number of the parents meet him quite regularly with their children in the First day School, where some religious exercises are combined with Bible instruction. The tribe has enjoyed the benefit of a School for some time and is quite in advance of the Quapaws in civilization. They have a school fund of their own. Strong hopes are entertained that a mission house will be provided & a boarding school established from their own funds during the present season.

Allusion has been made to the severe sickness, which during the early spring visited the Quapaw Mission. It much resembled pneumonia & was epidemic in its character. A number of the children & several of the caretakers were attacked by the disease, & the occasion was a severe trial of faith and patience to the managers.

The Modoc parents of three sick children came & insisted upon taking them away to their camp, & they were at length [illegible] by Emeline Tuttle with sad misgivings. Two of these children soon died in the Modoc camp, while the other slowly recovered. No case of sickness at the Mission proved fatal. Some touching incidents are reported in connection with this severe visitation, showing the religious susceptibility of the children and the evident work of grace upon their hearts. One little child who died in the Modoc camp, alluding to the great lamentation which is continued through many days on such occasions, entreated her mother not to cry longer than one day after her death.

The Quapaw Indians number about 300, and are well located in a fine farming country. The land connected with the Mission consists of about 160 acres, all of which has been ploughed and fenced and nearly all is in a state of cultivation. [illegible] acres are now in good wheat; 60 acres in corn; 20 to 25 acres of oats; and 10 acres of garden & orchard.

While the progress of the adults in this tribe is slow, there is still cause for encouragement. They grow more tidy in appearance and are more inclined to labor, & Agent Jones reports an agreeable advancement with most of them. The improvement among the children is in all respects much more rapid. The boys at the Mission, while they are receiving instruction in the School, also assist in the farm work help to fence the land & plant the garden and field. The girls under the care of the matron, are taught morning & evening to assist in household duties. Thus all the children are in good measure under civilizing influences.

The Peorias are 200 in number with a few confederate Miamis. Our committee who visited this people last fall reported a number of them as engaged in breaking land and fencing in little farms for themselves, raising crops, cattle and hogs, and also in planting fruit trees. They are generally further advanced in civilization than the Quapaws & some of them bid fair, ere long, to render themselves independent of government aid. They also receive an annuity from government & have required little assistance the past season beyond some clothing for the children in School.

The Modocs have not been assigned to any reservation of land permanently, & thus have so far had less opportunity for improvement. A few acres have, however, been set apart for gardening purposes. As a Tuttle writes, "Their farm operations do them credit, ten or twelve of them being seen in the field at once planting & hoeing." The marked improvement of the Modoc Children at the Mission & the evident confidence which the agent & teachers have inspired, have cheered & encouraged the adults of the tribe, who in intelligent observation, aptitude & ambition excel all the Indians in this Agency. We learn that they will probably be located during this season among the Shawnees, but we apprehend

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ian children will be continued in the Quapaw School.

Perhaps no feature of this mission work has afforded more encouragement than the religious & moral influences which have pervaded it. Every evening religious exercises are held in the family in which the children join by reading the Bible & repeating hymns. A First-day school is held regularly at the Mission. Latterly many of the parents with the chiefs, come on First day and are also taught the truths of the Bible and the way of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. They evince an increasing interest in religious things. After these services, instruction is sometimes given in temperance, morality, industry &c. Emeline Tuttle says, "Nearly always a portion of the adults meets with us; sometimes only a few come, while at others the house is nearly filled.

The whole amount contributed in aid of this undertaking during the year has been as follows:

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| Money received by the Treasurer | $615.39 |
| New & second hand clothing, cloth in pieces, carpets, bed-ticks & other useful articles from Friends in different parts of New England | 348.03 |
| | $963.42 |

Valuable aid was also received from Friends of Philadelphia, in timely contributions of maps, charts, books, pictures and seeds of various kinds.

In closing this report of the interesting charge confided to us, we desire to bear testimony to the cheerful promptness with which our efforts have been seconded by Friends in various localities within our limits, & also gratefully that the Divine blessing has evidently attended the work of our hands

Henry T. Wood, Clerk

The Treasurer of the committee having care of the Indian Schools in the West, within the Quapaw Agency, presents his account as follows:

1873 Receipts

| | | |
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| Jan. | Remittance from Indn Com. in Philadelphia Quarterly | $ 15. |
| 7. | " " Timothy B. Hussey in Dover " | 20 |
| 10. | " Joseph Cartland cash & R.S. " | 211.4 |
| Mon. 10 | Rec'd, Dover [illegible] Q. by Matthew [illegible] | 15.5. |

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| 1873. 12 mo. | Remittance Moses Bailey for Fairfield Qr. | $30. |
| " " 15 | Contribution of Friends of Prov. Yo. Cartland | 8. |
| 30 | " " thro' David Kelley | 20. |
| 1874. 1 mo. 1 | Gift of G. H. Norman of Newport | 10. |
| " " 2 | Cash from Yarmouth Friends, D. Kelley | 3. |
| " " " | Contribution Salem M. Meeting by Wm. H. Brown | 73. 50 |
| " " 6 | " Friends of N. Berwick by T. B. Hussey | 28. |
| " " | Friends in Sandwich Ms. M. H. Holway | 12. |
| 12 | Remittance, quota Vassalboro Quarter | 32. |
| 16. | Cash from Friends of Fair Haven Mass. | 4. |
| " | " " " [illegible] | 14. 40 |
| " | " " " John H. Dillingham Haverford Coll. | 5. |
| 17 | Cash from Susan Taber, to pay freight | 2. 25 |
| " | Remittance from Edward Earle bal. Sandwich Quar. | 15. |
| " | " " Moses Sawyer quota Weare M. Mtg | 15. 75 |
| 28 | Cash from Hannah [illegible] New Bedford | 2. |
| | " " Moses & Hannah Sawyer | 2. |
| 3d mo. 4 | " contribution [illegible] C. Smith by G. H. Cartland | 12. |
| 4 " | Remittance for Jane C. Minott quota Falm. Qr. | 20 |
| | | $613. 51 |

## 1873. Expenditures

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| 9 mo. | Paid for eighteen pairs of Shoes | $27. |
| 10 " | [illegible] Howland [illegible] clothing [illegible] | $10[illegible] |
| | Paid for slates, paper & books sent $4.61, Making box 1.50 | 6. 11 |
| 11 mo. 1 | Paid bill of Woolen blankets | 110. |
| 12 " 8 | Edwd. W. Howland for crockery bot. at Baxter Springs | 10. |
| 11 | Paid for knives forks & spoons sent | 16. 90 |
| | Postage stamps sent C. H. Tuttle | 1. |
| | Bill of boots & shoes | 79. 95 |
| | Paid express, freight of goods out, &c. | 27. 08 |
| 1874. 1 mo. | Paid for wash basins & combs | 4. 10 |
| | Money orders sent A. C. Tuttle to pay freights mend the Children's shoes & for other purposes | 79. 00 |
| | Paid for dry goods, clothing, needles, &c. | 77. 44 |
| " 1 mo. 30 | Sent Asa C. Tuttle to buy crockery | 10 |
| " " 9 | Paid for snew cloth & articles for clothing | 19. 58 |
| | | $577. 74 |
| | Balance in the treasury | 36. 13 |
| | | $613. 51 |

[illegible] Treasurer

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## Report of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee for New England Yearly Meeting on Indian affairs for the Central Superintendency, report:– That there have been two meetings of the appointed executive committee at which all the Yearly Meetings were represented; the first one held at Lawrence, Kansas, in tenth month last, and was an interesting occasion. This [illegible] near the agencies several of the agents were present & gave us valuable information in regard to their work. Some of the teachers were also in attendance & gave encouraging accounts of the commencement and progress of their schools.

Another meeting of the committee was held in Philadelphia in fourth month last, at which New England, New York, North Carolina, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Kansas and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings were represented. Much anxiety was felt in regard to statements made to us respecting the raids of the Kiowas and parts of other tribes in the vicinity of Fort Sill, and it was stated to us that government would not tolerate such proceedings much longer, but would place the Indians under military authority. This looked discouraging in view of our labors for the last four or five years, which seemed, as was thought to have produced but little apparent improvement; but as we went back still further to the commencement of our work, and remembered the Indian wars with all their attendant evils, we felt that good had been accomplished, and that the principles of peace had been in some degree maintained & extended. Our faith was renewed & we desired to press forward asking for the Divine blessing on our labors. We have had but two meetings. If it should seem to any that we have not given proper care in the case we may state that there is a sub-committee, called the Washington committee, which is summoned in all cases of emergency, a meeting of which occurred last week in Washington. Friends were brought into much concern as to the manner in which depredators such as [illegible] the late, should be [illegible]. They had interviews with the President & Secretary of the Interior and others interested, and were relieved by the promise that government would establish a Marshal and his force to whom our agents might give information, as in such cases at home.

We wish to bear testimony to the faithfulness of our true watchman Dr. William Nicholson, who gives his whole time to the service, spending a portion of it in Lawrence (Kansas,) and a part in Washington, and in making frequent visits to the Indians.

We should not do justice to ourselves nor to our worthy friend Enoch Hoag, if we did not refer to his efficient labors as superintendent of the Indians under his care. Having an unqualified support, we believe there is no official of the interior department to whom is awarded more confidence and respect.

In conclusion we may add that the Washington committee inform us that when they have sought aid or advice from the President, Secretary of the Interior or any of their subordinates connected with this mission they have received the most kind attention and the highest regard & respect have been shown to what they term our peculiar Christian way of working in this complicated field of labor

Edward W. Howland
Edward Earle

43. The report is acceptable, & we desire that the interest already awakened for this highly injured class of our fellow men may continue and that we may be ready to embrace every right opening for their education and improvement. The committee are reappointed to act on behalf of this meeting for the ensuing year, as will best promote this engagement. And Monthly Meetings are encouraged to contribute money for aiding in this object.

Names of Committee. Joseph Cartland, [illegible] C. [illegible], Sarah F. [illegible], Caroline [illegible], Charles F. Coffin, [illegible] Gurney, Ann Maria Coffin, Hannah B. Sawyer, Edward W. Howland, Timothy Nicholson, Phebe [illegible], Rebecca Evans, Susanna [illegible], Charles A. [illegible], James C. [illegible], [illegible], Edward Earle, Richard Battey, Anna B. Earle, Ruth S. Battey, John D. Gray, Charles B. Coates, Louisa L. Osborne, [illegible] F. Purington, Timothy B. Hussey

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Anna M. Hussey, Maria Purington, Moses Bailey, [illegible] Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, [illegible] Briggs, Eli Jones, [illegible] W. Buffum, Martha J. Bailey, Rebecca [illegible], Charles M. Bailey, Sarah [illegible], [illegible] M. [illegible], [illegible] Knight, Thomas Wood, Mary C. [illegible], George Howland Jr., John [illegible], Gulielma M. Howland and David Kelley.

46. The following report from the committee under appointment to take charge of General Meetings held within our limits was presented, viz.:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee appointed to take charge of the General Meetings held within our limits present the following report, viz.:

There have been six General Meetings held during the past year, viz.: At Newport, Rhode Island; at Vassalboro, Maine; at Bolton, Mass.; at Allen's Neck, Mass.; at Winthrop, Maine; and at South Durham, Maine. These meetings have been seasons of Divine favor, the presence of the Lord has been manifest in them, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit experienced. Hearts dead in trespasses and sins have been aroused to see their need of a Savior, and accepting him, have realized the blessed fulness of salvation through his atoning blood. At some of these meetings almost the entire neighborhood was gathered together, and many were convinced of the accordance of the doctrines held by our religious society with those of the early disciples of Christ. At others there were smaller numbers, & the effect was more manifest in the building up of believers.

At places where General Meetings were held last year the good effects are yet evident, and many have reason to be thankful for them.

Several series of meetings similar in character to the General Meetings have also been held, we trust, to the glory of God. We recommend that this subject continue to claim the attention of the Yearly Meeting, and the appointment of a committee.

On behalf of the committee
Edward W. Howland
Newport, 6mo. 16th. 1874. Anna C. Wood

Which is acceptable to us, & we rejoice in the belief that they have proved seasons of Divine favor, and been the blessed means of comfort & encouragement to many and of the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom in the earth.

47. Edward W. Collins, William P. [illegible], [illegible] K. Earle, Anna G. Wood, Timothy B. Hussey, S. Jane Cox, Wm. [illegible], Mary [illegible], Hannah [illegible], [illegible], Rebecca H. Smiley, Anna T. Dennis, Sarah B. Goddard, are appointed to produce to a future sitting, the names of Friends to constitute a committee on General Meetings for the year ensuing.

48. The committee set apart at our last session upon the subject of changing the place of holding this meeting a part of the time, presented a report, which is as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

The joint committee appointed to consider the request from the three eastern Quarterly Meetings in relation to holding alternate sessions of the Yearly Meeting at some other point than Newport, have given attention to the subject referred to them, and after a careful & thoughtful consideration of the question have concluded to recommend to the Yearly Meeting that when it adjourns, it adjourn to meet at the city of Portland at the usual time next year.

For the committee

Newport 6mo. 17th 1874 George Howland, Jr., clerk

49. The report is united with and adopted, and direction is now given that when this meeting adjourn it be to meet at Portland, Maine, at the usual time next year.

50. This meeting is united in authorizing the committee on the Freedmen to appropriate such portion of the principal of the funds held by them as will in their opinion be for the best interest of that people, this being in addition to the appropriations which were made yesterday.

Adjourned, to meet in separate sessions at 4 o'clock this P. M.

51. The Representatives in the attendance of this meeting from our several Quarterly Meetings, in accordance with the provisions of our Discipline, have presented the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting for the ensuing year viz: Thomas Harkness, Thomas B. Buffum, Anna T. Dennis, Sarah F. Tobey, William O. Newhall, William A. Brown, Mahaleth D. Jones, Abigail [illegible], George Howland, Jr., Chas. R. Tucker,

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Rebecca W. Grinnell, Susan Swain, George Douglas, Augustus F. Cox, S. Jane Cox, Mary C. Hawkes, Sam'l H. Colton, Richard Batty, Ann B. Earle, Abby C. Bailey, Thomas B. Aldrich, Eli Jones, Hannah T. Jenkins, Sarah W. Goddard, Jacob K. Purinton, Albert C. Buffum, Anna M. Hussey, Huldah S. Buffum, Moses Bailey, Reuben T. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, Phebe P. Jones, Edward W. Howland, Joseph Cartland, Wm C. Tabe Perez Peck, Edward Earle, David K. Akin, Charles F. Coff George Richardson, Thomas Kimber, Rowell Hoxie, Stephen Jones, Thomas Jones, Henry T. Wood, Charles Swain, George Bowen, Moses Sawyer. Which nomination is approved, and they are appointed to represent this meeting during its recess.

52. The committee appointed on that service presented the following minute, which was approved, and direction given that it be recorded.

The important inquiry respecting the spiritual health of the body was entered upon with feelings of deep interest, & the presence of the dear Master was evidently felt to be with us; & during the whole course of this deliberation we realized that Divine help was extended to us as well as to dedicated servants whose pertinent counsel & advice we desire may be long remembered. With reference to the due attendance of our religi meetings by those who from indifference or the love of the world do not assemble with their brethren for the worship of our Almighty Creator and Preserver, we were exhorted to extend not only a watchful but a living care to these. And when we are gathered with our brethren for Divine worship, may all the living among us seek, with earnestness of heart, after the sensible presence of the Life of God in our midst. Then would they often find their own strength renewed; often would the hearts of their weaker brethren and those less exercised in Spirit be also warmed and strengthened so that they would gladly meet their brethren in religious worship. We were reminded that the indifference of some to the due attend of our religious meetings might often be owing to the want of encouragement or to unfaithfulness on our part. Sometimes, were we sufficiently attentive to the monitions of the Holy Spi the dear Master, who knows the wants of all his children, would incline those who may not often be drawn to spea in his name to the people, to offer words of encouragement to their brethren and especially to the lambs of the flock. The devoted servant of Christ who may highly prize the privilege of waiting upon the Lord in silent communion, a silence so precious that we may regret its interruption, will still, at times, find it the will of the Head of the church that, for the sake of others, this silence should be broken. Sinners may be converted, as has been the case, in a silent meeting, but God's way of working is still, as of old, to call for the instrumentality of others.

The apostle Peter was exhorted, upon his conversion, to "strengthen" and convert his "brethren"

Allusion was made to some of our small meetings held in neighborhoods where there may seem little encouragement to hope for an increase of numbers, and a fear was expressed that some might take a view of Christian obligation too narrow and circumscribed for the blood-bought children of a crucified and risen Lord.

Hundreds all around us, even in these situations, often scattered as sheep without a shepherd are alike the objects of redeeming grace. Our obligation, too, in these localities, is often heightened by the fact that numbers residing among us not members of our religious society are so far convinced of our leading doctrines as to feel little relish for association with those less spiritual in their mode of worship. Many of these would gladly join us in the regular attendance of our religious meetings and in church fellowship were these meetings more attractive, and were we ourselves more earnestly engaged for the arising of the Divine life therein.

Could we say in truth to these that "God hath met with us", that he "hath spoken good concerning us", we should find their ready response would be, "We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you".

The revival of a practice long observed among us of often holding meetings in families and in neighborhoods (other than our ordinary meetings for worship) was commended to us as one which had proved highly salutary within our own, but especially in some other Yearly Meetings, & Friends who feel their hearts warmed by the love of Christ, were encouraged to hold such meetings among themselves & in isolated families being assured that as they met in his name they would be abundantly blessed. Our early Friends were mindful of the exhortation "Go ye into all the world & preach the gospel to every creature", and would we tread in their footsteps we must

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carry the glad tidings of salvation to all classes, the high & the lo
the rich and the poor, and even the profligate & abandoned.
In all our efforts may our dependence be upon the gift
and the power of the Holy Spirit, whether our service be i
gathering sinners to the fold of Christ, feeding the lambs,
or watering the flock. And may none of us be discouraged
by a feeling of inability or unfitness to labor in this blessed
work. It is the simplest service for the Lord that is often
most blessed. Nor is it needful to look abroad for any
great work while the needed duty that is nearest us, the
often a quiet and unobtrusive service, remains undone.

Many among us can rejoice before God in the comfortin
assurance that they have in mercy been translated out of
darkness into the kingdom of his dear Son. As a token of our
gratitude for this unspeakable favor, & in remembrance
of the many who are still walking in the broad way, we
were reminded of the searching inquiry, "Where is thy
brother?" Plucked, ourselves, "as brands from the burning", may
our hearts be drawn out in love to those of every class who are
still out of the safe path to peace.

If our principles are the principles of the gospel, should we not
seek to draw our neighbors and all who have not known the
way of life into the same blessed experience? To this end we
need more earnest prayer for a baptism of the Holy Ghost upon
all the members of the church, that, with renewed purpose, we
may enter into the service of our Lord. Our young men were
especially reminded that the abundant labors in their Maste
service of our early predecessors George Fox, Edward Burrough,
Robert Barclay, James Parnell and many others, were large
performed in their younger days.

Upon the subject of love and harmony in the church, we
were reminded that love must ever remain the badge of true
discipleship. If we love the Lord with all our hearts, no room
remains in them for coldness towards a brother, or a dispo
sition to speak evil one of another; and if we love as brethren
we shall also be desirous of cultivating in ourselves and in
one another true Christian freedom which will not only endear
us in social life, but will also prompt us to help one another
in our Christian course, to speak freely of our trials, our
doubts and difficulties, as well as our triumphs & our joys.
May we also be especially careful in our intercourse with

our dear children, to encourage that open confidence which may enable us to help them in their early efforts to yield to the drawings of the Heavenly Father's love. Often in the training of our under charge we may be favored to perceive like Eli of old, "that the Lord has called the child," and may also, like him, be instrumental in encouraging him to yield to the Spirit's voice.

In allusion to the practice now, happily, general among us, of the daily reading in our families of a portion of Holy Scripture, we were exhorted to enter upon this exercise willingly and lovingly, and it would often be a means of blessing to us. It is a sweet privilege for a father to gather his wife & children around him upon these occasions, in which he may often feel drawn to bow the knee in prayer for the Divine blessing upon himself & his loved ones. And should any of the dear children be led under the promptings of the Holy Spirit vocally to supplicate at the throne of grace, may we be careful not to check the breathings of the Lord's spirit in their tender [illegible].

53. Our educational committee presented their report; it is as follows, viz;

"The education committee present the following statistics of the schools in our Yearly Meeting as far as known. The summary is necessarily incomplete, as some of the Monthly Meetings failed to report:

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| 1 | The number of Monthly Meeting Schools | 1 |
| 2 | " " Family " | 1 |
| 3 | " " children who have attended school the past yr | 477 |
| 4 | " " " at schools taught by Friends or under their control | 142 |
| 5 | " " obtaining education at Academies & Colleges not under care of Friends | 25 |
| 6. | The number of members engaged in teaching | 88 |
| 7, | " " First day Schools under care of Friends | 42 |
| 8 | " average time of holding said schools | 10 months |
| 9 | " whole No. attending the same | 3326 |
| 10 | " average No. | 1449 |
| 11 | " The No. of our members attending | 925 |
| 12 | " over 21 years of age | 814 |
| 13 | " of Friends over 21 years of age | 624 |
| 14 | " of teachers | 211 |
| 15 | " of Bible classes not connected with said Schools | 7 |
| 16 | " average time | 10 months |

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17. The whole No. belonging to the same 162
18. Average No. 89
19 The number of Friends belonging to such 78
20 " " Particular Mtgs without Schools or Bible cls 23

We have again to report that there is a large number of meetings without a Bible class or First day school, but most of them are very small, and the members of several attend Union Sabbath schools conducted partly by members of our Society.

While we have been mindful of our appointment, hav endeavored to give encouragement and help in our respective neighborhoods, and fully realize the great importance of correct & enlarged ideas on the Subject of general education, yet we cannot feel that much has been or can be accomplished by this committee. We therefore recommend its discontinuance, and the adoption of the whole work by the Yearly Meeting, to be carried out as may seem best by the subordinate meeting

On behalf of the committee

Samuel R. Buffinton
Newport 6mo. 17. 1874 Ellen K. Buffum

54. We appoint Augustine Jones, Charles Tabor, Albert K. Smiley, Charles H. Jones, John H. Freeman, William A. Brown and Charles H. Gifford to take this subject into consideration, and report to our next session what course in their judgment will be most likely to promote the interest of this meeting on the subject of education, & if way opens, propose the names of a small committee to labor in this field for the coming year.

55. The committee on the Penobscot & Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians presented their annual report, viz,

To the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends

The committee appointed by you to have a c over the Penobscot & Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, repor as follows. Three of our number visited the Penobscot trib at Oldtown last winter, and found in attendance at the school about 25 pupils. The school was very unsatisfacto being deficient in method and order, & we are satisfie that nothing is required of this meeting beyond the educational & spiritual interests of these tribes, becau the state of Maine, last year, paid to the Penobscot trib the sum of eight thousand one hundred and eighty five dollars and eight tenths cents & to the Passamaquoddy tribe $3720 three thousand seven hundred & twenty dollars, which money was expended for the poor and the sick & distributed among them in bounties and otherwise. The Penobscot tribe numbers about 500, the Passamaquoddy tribe, 539.

The committee have expended twenty dollars of the one hundred appropriated by this meeting last year.

We recommend the appointment of a committee to have the care, particularly of the educational interests of these tribes during the ensuing year.

In behalf of the committee
Stephen Jones
[illegible]

56. The interest which has long been felt by this meeting in the improvement of these tribes of Indians still continues. The report is interesting & satisfactory to us, and the improvement which has from time to time been reported encourages us still to continue our care, & render to them such assistance & advice as opportunity may present. The committee are continued to represent us upon this long existing concern of this meeting for the coming year, & they are authorized to draw on our treasurer for one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) to promote this object. Names of Committee. Stephen Jones, John D. Lang, James B. Congdon, Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, [illegible] Hussey, George Richardson, Josiah Philbrook, Paul Wing, Augustine Jones, Edward Earle & Joseph Briggs.

57. The following request to this meeting upon the subject of Temperance being received, we appoint [illegible] Hamilton, Samuel F. [illegible], [illegible] Reed, James P. Bruce, [illegible], Charles Tabor, Jonathan S. Lee, Edward S. Hunter, Timothy B. Earle, [illegible], Eli Jones, Jonathan Estes, [illegible], Albert W. Hall, Jonathan Cartland, Joseph S. Briggs, Isaac Paine, [illegible] to unite with a committee of Women Friends to labor on the subject of Temperance & [illegible] year. May the blessing of our Lord rest upon their labors.

1874 Womens Committee - Ellen K. Buffum, Gertrude W.
Cartland, Lydia C. [illegible], Deborah H. Freeman, Susan Ta
Elizabeth C. [illegible], Lydia C. Fry, Susanna Jane Cox, Susa
Ann Gifford, Lydia Haight, Mary C. Jones, Eliza P. Wilb
Lydia C. [illegible], Catharine A. Purinton, Harriet N. Jone
Phebe A. Wadsworth,

To the Yearly Meeting.

At a large and interesting meeting of Friends held her
yesterday upon the subject of Temperance, the desire wa
felt and expressed that the Yearly Meeting might se
its way, at this time, to adopt some method of action
upon the subject, and a committee was appointed t
make a proposition and present it to this meeting
for its consideration. The committee would therefore
propose that the Yearly Meeting appoint a joint com
mittee of two men & two women Friends from each
Quarterly Meeting to act on behalf of this meeting in
this branch of Christian work, and that each of our
Monthly Meetings be directed to appoint a committee
to labor in concert with one or more of the committe
of this meeting, to promote the cause in their several
localities & neighborhoods. And we hope that in the
selection of these committees care will be taken to appoin
such friends as are active & willing workers, and who
will feel interested to carry forward the object of this
meeting in this important matter

On behalf of the committee
Jabez Wood
Newport 6 mo. 17th 1874. Susan A. Gifford

Adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon

Fifth day afternoon, 6 mo. 18, Friends again assembled.

58. The Representatives present except 17; reasons given fo
absence of 11.

59. A minute of concurrence from New York Monthly
Meeting on behalf of Jane W. Ferris who accompanies
Caroline E. Talbot, was read. She is acceptably with us.

60. The London General Epistle for 1874 was received
and read in this meeting, and in order that all our
members may be privileged to become acquainted wi
its valuable contents, we appoint William C. Taber an

George Howland, Jr. to cause an edition of 5000 copies to be printed, and forward them in the usual proportion to our Quarterly Meetings for distribution

61. The committee to audit and settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes, report as follows:

To the Yearly Meeting

The committee appointed to examine and settle the treasurer's account and propose a sum to be raised for the ensuing year, the name of a friend for Treasurer and the name of a friend for Treasurer of the Indian fund, have attended to their appointment & report as follows,

Receipts

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| Balance in hand, cash, from last year's acct | $3.133.94 |
| Received from the Quarterly Meetings | 3,000. |
| For interest on Boston bonds | 600. |
| Dividends on Eagle Bank Stock | 100. |
| Interest on Rail Road bonds | 48. |
| Received for interest refunded Y.M.B. School | 375 |
| Books of Discipline sold | 40 |
| | $7296.94 |

Payments

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| Travelling expenses of Friends in attendance on the meeting | $360. |
| Sundry expenses in [illegible] | 473.39 |
| On principal of outstanding notes | 2050. |
| Interest on outstanding notes | 175. |
| Printing Minutes, Epistles &c. | 382.39 |
| Express, Postage &c. | 15.14 |
| Recording Minutes, Epistles | 71.25 |
| Gas Fixtures in Meeting house | 362.59 |
| Rent of hall for Boston meeting | 430. |
| Associated Executive Indian Committee | 340. |
| Penobscot & Passamaquoddy Indian Committee | 20. |
| Insurance | 80.75 |
| Cash balance on hand | 2526.63 |
| | $7296.94 |

The expenditures are all vouched for. The present indebtedness of the meeting in notes is reported as $16,436.89, & there is due from the Boarding School to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting $13,436.89. We propose that the sum of $3500 be raised for the use of the meeting the ensuing year; that George Howland, Jr. be appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting,

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Fund. For the committee,
Newport, 6mo. 18th 1874. Owen Dame

Which is approved by us, and George Howland, Jr., is re-appointed treasurer of this meeting for the year ensuing, or until another appointment; and our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward t him their respective proportions of $3,500, the amoun proposed to be raised for the service of this meeting. Thomas Harkness is reappointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

62. The committee on the subject of Peace report as follows,

To the Yearly Meeting.

The joint committee to promote efforts in the cause of Peac report That the circulation of reading matter through various channels has been continued, and while in some localities within our limits there has been more labor in this respect than in former years, the committee have not accomplish in the aggregate as much as they could desire. We believe there is still room for the dissemination of a sound Christian sentiment upon this subject within our limits, which affords opportunity for continued effort. There has seemed to be no time for a public meeting upon the subject since coming to the island, although its importance has not been overlooked or forgotten.

Some works upon the subject of Peace have been purchased, but the amount remaining in the treasury is the same a that reported last year, viz: $225.$\frac{26}{100}$

On behalf of the committee
Newport, 6mo. 13, 1874 Jabez Wood
Abby S. Battey

By which it appears that little has been accomplished the past year, yet the subject is still dear to us, and we therefore continue the committee, with the exception of our late dear Friends David Buffum and Sybil Jones, deceased; and we desire that way may be open for more extensive labor in this cause, with a blessing upon the work.
Names of Committee. [illegible] [illegible], John H. [illegible], [illegible] H. Atwater, Timothy B. Hussey, Matthew Howland, Charles C. [illegible], Edward W. Howland, Saml R. Buffinton,

Joseph Cartland, George Richardson, Charles A. Bailey, Charles Taber, Gideon Wood, Jabez Wood, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph C. Macomber, Henry T. Wood, Nathaniel Gifford, George H. Pope, Nerod Chase, Charles A. Nichols, Edwd Johnston

Women - Ann K. Colton, Rachel S. Howland, Susan Taber, Dorcas T. Tucker, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail C. Brede, Gertrude W. Cartland, Ann B. Earle, Narcissa Jacobs, Dorcas B. Robinson, Anna T. Dennis, Ellen K. Buffum, Mary A. Smith, Abby S. Bailey, Sylvia G. Howland.

63. The committee appointed yesterday to take into careful consideration the subject of Education, rendered their judgement as follows:

The committee appointed to consider the general subject of Education and to propose some plan of action to the Yearly Meeting, also - if in their judgement it was thought best - to bring forward names of friends to have the care of this subject for the coming year, report: That we have taken the subject into careful consideration, and were united in proposing the following plan, viz.:

To divide the subject into two divisions - one relating to Bible or Sabbath Schools and the other to schools for secular instruction, each division to be under the care of a separate committee consisting of three men and three women friends - the committee on Bible schools - for convenience & concert in action - to be chosen from a very limited territory, this territory to be changed from year to year. The following names are proposed for committees:

On Bible Schools, Joseph C. Macomber, Jabez Wood, Chas Taber, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, Elizabeth Ann Earle.

On Secular Schools - Augustine Jones, Thomas J. Battey, Charles H. Jones, Deborah H. Crossman, Carrie Richardson, Abigail Jones.

And it is recommended that each committee shall so systematize their labors as to be able to embody in their reports to this meeting correct statistical information; and it is desired that Monthly Meetings may be requested to furnish them such statistics as they may require for this purpose. It is further recommended that the committee on Bible Schools secure the services of one or more active energetic laborers who shall visit in the interest of Bible Schools such meetings as may seem to need personal attention, establishing, if possible, such schools where there are none, and taking measures to

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infuse fresh life into such as may be already establish and that this committee is authorized to draw on our treasurer for an amount necessary to cover the expen incurred in the discharge of their duties, not exceeding the sum of two hundred dollars.

On behalf of the committee
Charles H. Jones
Rebecca H. Smiley

Which being considered was approved & the names proposed in the report are appointed to constitute a committee on education for the year ensuing.

Names of Committee. - On Bible Schools - Joseph C. Macomber, Jabez Reed, Charles Taber, Anna G. Ward, Susan Taber, Elizabeth Ann Slade. On Secular Schools Augustine Jones, Thomas J. Battey, Charles H. Jones Deborah W. Chapman, Carrie Alice Jones, H. Lizzie Jones,

64. The friends to nominate a committee to act in our behalf in holding General Meetings for worship within our limits presented the following names, which were approved, and they are appointed in that service. May the Lord's blessing still be witnessed in prospering this work to the great rejoicing of many hearts.

Names of committee. Eli Jones, William C. Taber, An G. Ward, Sarah W. Goddard, John Cartland, Lydia Knigh Richard Battey, William O. Newhall, Thomas B. Buffum, Moses Bailey, Rebecca H. Smiley, Anna T. Dennis, Abigail H. Lawson, Susan Taber, Timothy B. Hussey, Edward W. Collins, Jane C. Minott, Phebe C. Jones, Hannah T. Sawy Matthew Howland.

65. Our Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to strengthen and uphold the hands of this committee, and render them such assistance as in their respective Quarterly Meetings as may seem requi to promote this weighty engagement.

66. The clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this meeting the following minute for our friend Rebecca Collins and minutes of like import for our friends James C. Thomas, Allen Jay, William H. Symmons, Caroline E. Talbot, Isaac Sharp, John P. Pennington, Rebecca Claws Ellwood Ozbun, Daniel Fry, Josiah Dillon, Eliza H. Warr Charles S. Hubbard, Alida Clark, David Tatum & Hannah B Tatum.

Our beloved friend Rebecca Collins attended this meeting Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

67. The clerk is also directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for Martha A. Jay & similar ones for Sarah M. Ferris, Elizabeth [illegible], Judith [illegible], Lydia Ozburn and Levi Varney:

Our beloved friend Martha A. Jay attended this meeting Her company has been acceptable to us.

68. The committee on Temperance having reported that a sum of money may be placed at their disposal in order to promote the cause, our treasurer is directed to pay to them the sum of ($300) three hundred dollars when called for.

69. Essays of Epistles were now read, addressed to the Yearly Meetings of London and Ireland, and also one more general in its character, a copy of which is intended to be addressed to the Yearly Meetings of New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada, and Kansas; and an essay was also addressed to Friends in Norway with whom we correspond; and the clerk is directed to revise and sign them on behalf of this meeting and forward them to those meetings respectively.

70. Having had printed 500 copies of the report of the Committee who investigated the origin and history and also the titles of Friends' Meeting Houses in Boston, direction is given that they be distributed among our Quarterly Meetings in the same proportion as other documents.

71. The clerk is directed to cause an edition of 2000 copies of the minutes of this meeting to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings for distribution; and William C. Taber is appointed to advise with the clerk in this work.

72. The clerk is authorized to make any necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting and sign them on our behalf.

73. We have to acknowledge, with hearts filled with gratitude to God, that He has been pleased to manifest himself in our midst; that he has presided over

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the various sittings of this meeting; and we do bless hi
great and holy Name and rejoice in his love.

Our business has been disposed of in much harmon
and we now separate, purposing to meet again at the usual time next year at the city of Portland, Maine, if the Lord permit.

On behalf of the meeting

Charles R. Tucker
Clerk

## Epistle

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island A.D. 1874.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends in London

Dear Friends

In a measure of that love which knows no bounds, we again salute you and can gratefully acknowledge that our coming together at this time, ou hearts have been renewedly touched with a sense of the blessedness of that gospel love which proceeding from th Father and the Son, and dwelling in the hearts of tru devoted followers of the Saviour has moved many of them to visit this part of the heritage to our great encouragem and to the strengthening of the hands of many among

Our meeting has been well attended, and, as we hum bly trust, the good Spirit of our Lord has been present with us opening opportunities for service in his blesse cause both within our limits and in more extended fields, and incitements to a more full devotedness of heart to do his work.

One concern of this meeting which has had our attent the past year has been our cooperation with some Friends on your side of the Atlantic in the support of three schools o the western slope of Mount Lebanon in Syria under the care of a devoted servant of the Lord, whose labors as an evangelist and teacher have been, we believe, blessed of the Lord.

The mission work among the Indians west of the Mississippi has continued to receive our attention. Those under our more special care have been the remnants of the Quapaws and Peoria tribes to whom has more recently been added the decimated band of Modocs. It has been very gratifying to witness the progress of these people in civilization and Christianity. Even the last named tribe, once the terror of their white neighbors have been so subdued by the kindness of loving Christian hearts who were able to supply temporal needs that they placed their children at our school at the Mission house, confiding in our care. This once formidable band of murderers, as they were termed, is now as peaceable and well-disposed as could be desired.

A religious awakening which has been experienced among us has continued during the past year and has shown itself by the interest taken by our members and others in the General Meetings and series of meetings which have been held in various parts of our Yearly Meeting in which the power of Divine grace has been manifested in the conversion of sinners and the confirmation of the faith of many.

Your acceptable epistle of 5th mo. last was received during the sitting of this meeting

In love we remain your friends and brethren

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting by

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Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting for Friends in Ireland held in Dublin

Dear friends

Your, acceptable epistle of this year has been read in our, meeting, and the concise yet circumstantial description which it affords of your condition has been deeply interesting to us

We take comfort in the assurance which you have given us that there are among you, and especially with the younger class many whose hearts God has touched and who are giving evidences of greenness and growth in the spiritual life.

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We also observe with lively interest, the efforts which you are making for the suppression of the sale and the use of intoxicating liquors by some of your members. This information is the more interesting to us from the fact that we have also appointed, at this time, a committee of men and women friends to labor for the promotion of Temperance. While it is cause of thankfulness that in this Yearly Meeting with a membership of nearly 4500, the number addicted to the improper use of Spirituous liquors would scarcely exceed eight or ten persons, we have felt drawn to labor among those not in membership with us and for the diffusion of sound principles in this respect, both within & beyond our borders.

Years ago a concern sprang up in this meeting on behalf of those of our fellow men who are living without a knowledge of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in foreign lands. This concern was entrusted to a committee which, during the year, has established a Christian mission in Syria on the western slope of Mt. Lebanon. Three schools for the education of children have been set up and the whole mission is placed under the direction of a devoted Christian agent who is fully in accord with the prominent doctrines professed by Friends respecting the leading of the Holy Spirit and the headship of Christ in his church. The report of our committee at this time has been highly encouraging to us, and the evidence of the active interest and cooperation of a number of dear friends on your side of the Atlantic has been deeply gratifying to this meeting.

We are also much interested in the efforts of the Associated Committees of the different Yearly Meetings for the civilization of the tribes of Indians in the western portion of our country. The duties devolving upon Friends in this engagement are often laborious, sometimes delicate, & they are extremely varied. A vigilant watch is needed to guard against the encroachments of emigrants who attempt to settle upon their lands. The efforts of capitalists and [illegible] to obtain grants from the government of a portion of their territory to aid in the construction of rail roads through their reservations is also a frequent source of anxiety. At other times great skill & prudence are required to restrain the Indians from raids upon their white neighbors, occasionally, for the purpose of stealing horses & cattle, but mainly for the redress of real or fancied wrongs. The two schools sustained by this Yearly Meeting for Indian children have made good progress and we are much cheered by the religious interest which has been awakened not only in the children at the schools but also in a number of the adults who but lately were roving over the western plains [illegible]

We desire to speak with gratitude of one result of our efforts for the moral and religious improvement of our fellow men. As the service has been entered upon with sincerity as unto God it has in a number of instances been made a means of spiritual blessing to individuals engaged in it, and we are encouraged by the persuasion that this body has been enriched thereby

This meeting has concluded to hold its sessions next year at the city of Portland, State of Maine

With our Christian salutation in love we remain your brethren

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting by
Charles R Tucker
Clerk

## Epistle addressed to the Yearly Meetings of Friends for New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada & Kansas

Dear friends

Through the abundant mercy of our Father in heaven, we have been permitted once more to assemble in this our annual gathering, and unitedly to lift up our hearts unto him from whom alone cometh all our help.

From all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, epistles of fraternal love and sympathy have been received and read to our comfort & encouragement. From these we gather much that causes our hearts to rejoice and to bind us more closely unto you in the ever cementing bonds of love.

Our committee having charge of the concerns of this meeting in the care of the Indians within Maine

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[illegible], have made satisfactory reports, and they are encouraged to still greater efforts in behalf of this much abused people.

The subject of mission labor in foreign lands did last year, claim our earnest attention. This concern was entrusted to a committee who during the year ha established a Christian mission in Syria on the western slope of Mount Lebanon. Three schools for the education of children have been set up and the whole work is under the charge of a devoted Christian agent and his wife - Theophilus and Susan Waldmeier fully in accord with the prominent doctrines held by Friends respecting the leadings of the Holy Spiri and the headship of Christ in his church.

The wants of this new field of service, can hardly be over estimated. The habits formed by many centuries of superstition, ignorance and alienation from the true God are not easily changed, but the Lord hath wonderfully opened a way to the hearts of many of the people and with faith in Him, we enter with renewed zeal into the labors of the coming year.

The increasing interest on the subject of total abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors has resulted in the appointment of a committee to labor for the [illegible] prevent, if possible, the spread of this alarmingly growing evil in our land.

We have received a report from our committee appointed to have charge of our Boarding School at Providence. The number of pupils is larger than at any former period and the increasing religious inte amongst both the officers and pupils has been gratify to us. We have had at this time the very acceptable company of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings who have not failed to declare unto us, as ability has been afforded, the whole counsel of G

Many of the sittings of this meeting have been seasons of unusual tenderness and true melting into one body in Christ, and, over all, often have we felt the [illegible] presence of our [illegible] Head; the ascription has been rendered, "Truly the Lord is good un

Israel and unto all them that call on his name". We have decided to meet at Portland, Maine at our usual time next year.

We have transacted the various matters that have come before us in much harmony and brotherly love, and can thankfully acknowledge that from time to time we have felt, in an unusual degree, the baptizing power of the Lord's presence amongst us and now, with the heartfelt salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren in the Lord

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting by

Charles R. [illegible]
Clerk

## To Friends in Norway

Dear friends

Having again met at our annual meeting, our hearts have been warmed in love toward each other and toward you, our distant brethren and sisters, and we would send across the great waters this token of our Christian interest in your welfare.

We were made glad by the receipt of your epistle of fourth month last, telling as it does of your continued attachment to the cause of Christ Jesus our Lord.

We desire with you the spread of the Redeemer's kingdom until it shall embrace all lands and the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ.

What a precious boon is salvation through faith in a crucified Savior, all so free! Not by works that we have done, or can do, it is all of grace that the name of the Lord may be magnified. Blessed be that name forever and ever.

This meeting has found an open field for Christian work among the aboriginal inhabitants of this country who are known here as the Western Indians. We are cheered with the thought that the Lord is blessing our humble efforts to their temporal & spiritual benefit.

At our meeting [illegible] appointed a committee on foreign mission work, who, seeking counsel of the Lord felt it right to begin the [illegible] of Friends at Brummana upon the western side of Mount Lebanon in Syria,

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where a mission has been opened under the care of Theophilus and Susan Waldmeier, friends of [illegible] experience in this class of work. We thankfully add that through the abundant blessing of the Lord, some fruit already appears to his praise.

While deliberating upon the state of society in this land, our hearts have been greatly tendered before the Lord, and while we feel that in many things we have come short of the glory of God, we desire adoringly to thank him in that he is still calling us to come up higher, that we may be more closely united to him and to each other in the precious bonds of the Gospel.

Many of our young men and women are in attendance of this meeting, in whose hearts, we trust the work of the Holy Spirit is going forward convicting of sin, leading to repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, by whose stripes we are healed and whose blood cleanseth from all sin through faith in that all-atoning sacrifice made for us on Calvary.

The young, as lambs of Christ's flock need the fostering care, and tender counsel of those of larger experience, and may we, as those who must give an account of our stewardship to God, prayerfully nurse the children for him. The church has great need of these, the Lord is calling them into his service that through their labors of love he may bless more abundantly the world at large.

During the past year, it has pleased the Lord to gather to her eternal rest our dear friend Sibyl Jones. While we are deeply sensible of the void which the removal of this devoted servant of our Lord has left among us, we are cheered by the reflection that our loss is her eternal gain. We believe you will share our sorrows and that her memory is precious to you

With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting by

Charles R. Tucker
Clerk

# Minutes 1875.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island, commencing at Newport on Seventh day the 12th of the 6th Month, 1875

By the reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this meeting, viz: from

From Rhode Island, - Samuel R. Buffinton, Thomas Harkness, Edward W. Collins, Perez Peck, Thomas B. Buffum, Charles W. Earle, Obadiah Chase, Joseph Cartland, " Benjamin Buffum, James Dennis, Richard K. Macomber, George S. Gould, George Bowen, Albert K. Smiley, Joseph E. Macomber

From Salem, - John Paige, Benjamin H. Jones, Thomas W. Thorndike, Thomas Folsom, William Forster Mitchell, Owen Dame, Moses F. Rogers, John H. Crosman, Dennis R. Chase, Samuel C. Nichols, William F. Vining, Charles A. Jones, William C. Newhall, Alvin Hoag, Simon G. Gove, James P. Boyce,

From Sandwich, - George Howland Jr., David K. Aikin, James B. Congdon, Joseph S. Tillinghast, Isaac R. Gifford, Jonathan Boyce, Henry T. Wood, Peleg Slocum Stephen R. Wing, Nathaniel Gifford, Edward W. Howland Charles Taber, Edward T. Dillingham, Newell Hoxie, Ephraim Gifford, William C. Taber, David Kelley, Matthew Howland, Nathan T. Shepherd

From Falmouth, - Augustus F. Cox, Samuel Jones, Freeman Andrews, George Douglass, Stephen Cartland.

From Smithfield, - Abel C. Munroe, Samuel H. Colton, Edward Earle, Thomas Grover, William Aldrich, Reuben A. Wheeler, Arnold E. Phelps, Jonathan F. Southwick, Nelson Taft, Richard Battey, Gideon M. Aldrich, Joseph L. Holmes.

From Vassalboro, - Eli Jones, Charles B. Cates, Levi Gardner, Thomas B. Nichols, Stephen Jones, Ebenezer Frye, Elijah Cook, Hartwell A. Jenkins, John A. Frye, Jeremiah R. Jones, John Frye John C. Varney

From Dover, - Jacob K. Purinton, John Estes, Tobias Meader, Timothy B. Hussey, George Estes, Joseph H. Pratt, Russell Hoag.

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Moses Bailey, Joseph Taylor, Franklin Brainer
Charles Kezer.

1. On the call of their names, they were present
except twelve. Reasons were given for the absence of 9.

2. The following Minute, issued by our Repre
sentative Meeting in the second month last, explai
the reason why the Yearly Meeting has assembled in
this place, it having last year adjourned to meet
at Portland.

"To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings
of Friends of New England Yearly Meeting:

This meeting finding there has not been
sufficient time to effect the necessary legislation
to enable the Yearly Meeting to hold its Sessions
at Portland, hereby notifies the Quarterly and
Monthly Meetings that our next Yearly Meeting
must be held according to discipline at Newport.

By direction of the Representative Meeting hel
at Providence, 2d month 3d 1875

William O. Newhall,

P.S. The Representative Meeting will be held at Newpor
on 6th day before the commencement of the Yearly
Meeting, at 6 o'clock P.M."

3. We have at this meeting the acceptable compan
of our beloved friends Daniel Barker, Jeremiah A.
Grinnell and Rachel Binford of North Carolina
Yearly Meeting, Joseph Hobson, Mary S. Elliott, Edwar
C. Young and Sarah E. Jenkins of Ohio Yearly
Meeting, Cornelius Douglass, John P. Pennington
Sarah Ann Linton, John Henry Douglass, Levi
Ratliff and Robert Knight of Indiana Yearly Mee
ing, John Newlin of Western Yearly Meeting, John
Y. Hoover & Mary T. Meader from Iowa Yearly Me
ing, Seneca Doane & William Wetherald from
Canada Yearly Meeting. Certificates from their
respective meetings, expressive of unity with them
as ministers and with their religious engagements were read.

4. Our beloved friend Amy P. Hobson, an elder

who accompanies her husband Joseph Hobson. George R. Jenkins, an elder who accompanies his wife Sarah E. Jenkins, Edward Ratcliff & Rebecca Ratcliff, elders in unity from Ohio Yearly Meeting, Moses Gove and his wife Lydia Gove elders in unity from Iowa Yearly Meeting, Daniel J. Barker, companion to his father Daniel Barker, John Carey companion to Cornelius Douglass, James Hawley companion to John Y. Hoover, Joseph H. Miller & his wife Rebecca G. Miller who accompany Mary S. Elliott, & Jane W. Ferris in company with Rachel Binford are acceptably with us, and presented satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings.

5 Truly acceptable epistles from our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of Ireland, New York, Baltimore North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas were received and read. These communications have brought our beloved friends afresh to our remembrance, with a comforting feeling that we are one wherever situated, and that in unity there is strength; and desiring to reciprocate these salutations of love, we appoint the following friends to prepare, as way opens for it, essays of epistles to those meetings including London, and to Friends in Norway, from whom no epistolary letters have been received, and present the same to a future sitting, viz: James B. Congdon, George Howland jr. Samuel Austin, Isaac Warren Hawkes, J. William Jacob, Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Richard Battey, Albert C. Buffum Samuel Jones, William C. Taber, William Foster Mitchell, John B. Daniels, Matthew Harland, Owen Dame, Charles B. Cates, Isaac Steere, Albert K. Smiley, Jonas Butterfield, Newell Hoxie, Joseph Cartland, David K. Aikin, Thomas B. Buffum, Moses Bailey, James T. Boyu and John Paige.

6. Communications have been received addressed to this meeting from the Thames Street and also from the Marlborough Street Methodist Episcopal Societies offering their meeting houses for Friends to occupy on First day afternoon and evening

7. The offerings thus freely made being an evidence of

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of Christian love and courtesy of those Societies to Friends, we refer the subject for consideration and arrangement to George Bowen, Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, Jacob K. Purinton and James P. Boyce to unit with a similar committee of women Friends, to mak such arrangements for holding religious meetings during the time of this Yearly Meeting, as way open for in the truth, and to propose times and places for the various committees to meet, who are unde appointment on the service of this meeting

The clerk is directed to furnish those Societies with copies of the above minute, so far as it relates to each respectively

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon

Afternoon. - Friends met pursuant to adjournment

8. Albert K. Smiley, on behalf of the representativ reported that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Charles R. Tucker for clerk and William O. Newhall and Matthew Hoadle for assistant clerks which being approved by the meeting they are appointed to those services for the present year.

9. Our several Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid or given the required attention to the payment of Stock called for by this meeting last year. We appoint Joseph Cartland, Owen Dame James B. Congdon, George Douglass, Samuel H. Colton Ebenezer Frye, Jacob K. Purinton and Henry Winslow to audit and settle the Treasurer's account & to propose a sum to be raised sufficient for the services of this meeting the ensuing year, and the name of a friend for Treasurer, and also the name of a friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School fund, & report to a future meeting

10. The epistle from London Yearly Meeting for the present year having been received since our morning meeting, the reading of which has brought our beloved friends of that meeting very near to us in spirit and in Christian fellowship, it is referre to the committee on correspondence.

11. We appoint Albert K. Smiley, Dennis R. Chas

Newell Hoxie, Samuel Jones, Richard Bailey, Charles B. Cates, Samuel Buffum, and Moses Bailey to prepare a Summary of the Answers to the Queries from our Quarterly Meetings and present it to our next sitting.

School Committee

12. The committee in charge of our boarding School for the past year presented the following report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

The committee having charge of the boarding School at Providence report, that they have given attention to their appointment and feel authorized to state that it has fully maintained the high standing it has held for several years past. Its educational character, evinced by the large class prepared to graduate at the close of the present term, was never better. The conduct of the pupils has been generally satisfactory, and the moral and religious feeling that has in good degree pervaded the school has been gratifying to the committee. The standard of scholarship is thought to be much in advance of former years.

In his last report to the committee, our principal states that "We have had during the past year an unusually large number of advanced pupils, interested in their studies, who have given tone and character to the school. The hearty cooperation of these older pupils in the discipline of the school has, I believe, rendered the past year a pleasant and profitable one to all concerned".

The Sub-committee, appointed for the more immediate care of the School and family have at different times presented satisfactory reports of the recitations witnessed by them and of the harmony and good feeling prevailing among the members of the household.

The number of the pupils in attendance during the Autumn term was two hundred thirty seven viz.: one hundred & forty three boys & ninety four girls; Spring term two hundred sixteen, viz.: one hundred twenty six boys and ninety girls.

Of this number, seventy attending the Autumn term and sixty five the Spring term were members of our own Yearly Meeting, and twenty four in all

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Autumn term and twenty five the Spring term belonged to other Yearly Meetings of Friends, making ninety four pupils in the Autumn term & ninety in the Spring term members of our religious Society who have been in attendance of the School the current year.

We now present a summary of payments for the year ending 6th month 1874, as reported by the auditing committee, and the net earnings of the School for the same time

Payments on account of permanent improvements to 6 mo. 26. 1874, including part payment for carriage house 4.766 67
Pd Geo. Howland Jr. Treas Y. Mtg on acct of interest 600,00
$5.366.67
Net earnings, year ending 6mo. 1874 $4.606.12
Paid over income $760.55

Since our last Yearly Meeting a carriage and store house, adjoining the barn, with a basement for roots and vegetables, has been completed $3.595,17
at a cost of
The Steam boiler has been removed from the kitchen & placed in a building outside; cost $1.375,69
A substantial board fence, eight feet high, has been carried around the School premises, enclosed by Lloyd, Hope, Thayer & Olney St's & Arlington Avenue, the whole length of which is 5.984 ft. cost $4.579,22
435 yards concrete walk has been laid, costing 219.00
Whole amount of outlay $10.072,08

The indebtedness of the School, 6mo. 1, 1875, is as follows, subject to correction when the yearly accounts are made up, and the amount of profits definitely ascertained

Outlay for improvements as above $10.072,08
Less paid and entered in last years acct 9.24,00
$9.148.08
Pd G. Howland Jr Treas Y. Mtg on acct of interest $1,000,
Paid interest on money borrowed to meet payments, $462.58
" balance over income 1873-4 760.55
11.371,21
Less estimated profits of the school 1874-5 4.013 84
7.357,37

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| From last page — | | $7357.37 |
| Due on notes of Treasr of Y. Mtg | $15.061.89 | |
| " for interest accrued | 490.70 | $15,552.59 |
| Making an amt of indebtedness of | | $22,909.96 |

When the last annual report was presented to the Yearly Meeting it was confidently expected that the land taken for streets adjoining the school premises, by the city of Providence, would have been paid for during the past summer, thereby enabling the committee to pay the obligations already incurred, as well as the improvements then had in view, and also for fencing the land rendered necessary by the new streets then opened; but, on account of some informality in the action of the city government, the payment has not been made, although the committee have endeavored to press our claims. The sum claimed from the city will more than pay all indebtedness.

From a statement received from the treasurer of the school funds, the receipts & payments on acct of the School and charitable funds including the Ebenezer Metcalf and other donations are as follows:

## School Fund

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| 1875. 5mo. 17th | Balance on hand last yr | | $281.84 |
| | Income from the fund | | $6953.20 |
| | Return on fire insurance | | 286.09 |
| | | | $7521.13 |
| | Paid for insurance premium | $525 | |
| | " A. K. Smiley, for use of school | 6.887.52 | |
| | Balance on hand | 108.61 | $7521.13 |

## Charitable Funds

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| 1875. 5mo. 17. | Balance on hand last year | | $1034.97 |
| | Income from the fund | | 2425.35 |
| | | | $3460.32 |
| | Paid Y. Meeting for board & tuition | $2550. | |
| | Balance on hand | 910.32 | $3460.32 |

There will probably be available for the next School year twenty four hundred dollars

The expenses of the school for the year ending 5mo. 1875 as near as can now be ascertained, are as follows:

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| Paid for salaries | $14,883.84 |
| Paid for wages (not including farm labor, which is charged in the item "provisions" all the products of the farm being applied to the use of sch'l | $5,067.25 |
| Paid for provisions | $18,005.36 |
| " for fuel & lighting | 3,593.99 |
| " annual repairs | 6,164.22 |
| " incidental expenses | 735.53 |
| Total | $48,450.19 |

The average cost of each pupil, for board and tuition for the year from above data, is $241.05

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| The income for board & tuition was | $45,576.51 |
| The income from school fund | 6,887.52 |
| Total receipts | $52,464.03 |
| Cost of maintaining the school as above | 48,450 19 |
| Showing the approximate earnings to be | $4,013 84 |

The officers and teachers of the school the past year have been Albert K. Smiley (who has been assisted during a part of the time by his brother Alfred H. Smiley) Principal; John F. Rowell gover and teacher of English branches, Autumn term; Dan iel W. Mayfield teacher of Mathematics. Autumn ter Alonzo Williams, teacher of Greek, Latin and German John M. Potter, teacher of Mathematics Spring term; Jo S. Gidley teacher of Grammar and Arithmetic; Charles H Gates teacher of French; Alexander Grant, teacher of drawin Female department: Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of female department; Alice R. Wing, governess & teacher of grammar & rhetoric; Bessie T. Wing teacher of histor and literature; Martha G. Reed, teacher of mathemati Elizabeth G. Wills and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches; Susan S. Moore teacher of Englis branches, Autumn term

Lecturers. J. Lewis Diman, lecturer on history; John H. Appleton, lecturer on chemistry & general science; John W. P. Jenks, lecturer on natural hist

The health of the inmates of the school has been generally good, although there have been a few cases of severe illness during the year. Three cases of scar fever and two of typhoid fever occurred in the fal term. Four of these recovered. The other John E. Howa son of Samuel Howard of Newport R.I. died 11th mo. 10th 1874, aged sixteen of a constitutional disorder, aggravated probably by the previous disease.

About six weeks after the opening of the school Spring term four scholars were at one time taken sick with the scarlet fever, which then prevailed to a great extent in the city of Providence, one of whom, P. Edward Moore, aged sixteen son of Prince G. Moore, of West Falmouth Mass. died on the 22d of third month, after an illness of less than two days. This young man bore an estimable character in the School, and his sudden death made a deep impression on the family.

Another, B. Herbert Gifford aged seventeen, son of James E. Gifford, of West Falmouth, Mass. died after a lingering illness of five weeks, fourth month 25 1875, a short time after his return home.

On the here referred to, some fears were entertained that a general spread of the disease among the children might be anticipated, but by carefully isolating those who were first taken and permitting some who desired it to return to their homes, the sickness, through the blessing of a kind over ruling Providence, did not spread. It speaks well for the healthfulness of the locality and for the arrangements made and appliances provided; to promote the health and comfort of the pupils and teachers, that so general a condition of health has prevailed.

Meetings for religious worship continue to be held at the School on First-days at 11 o'clock A.M. and on Fourth days at the same hour. These meetings, particularly on First days, have been usually attended by one or more members of the committee, and frequently by ministering friends who have found it in the line of their duty to visit the children in the love of the dear Savior, and they have been interesting and satisfactory. We would encourage friends to embrace these opportunities to meet with the pupils and their teachers believing that they would be much benefited by the interest thus manifested in their religious welfare.

First day afternoons are occupied with Scripture lessons by the whole School, as heretofore.

It is proposed that the present charges for board & tuition be continued, viz:

For members of our Yearly Meeting $1111 per annum

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For all others who may be admitted $300 "
An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German or drawing; one half payable at the commencement of the year & one half at the opening after recess.

On behalf & by direction of the committee
William C. Taber, clerk
Providence 6 mo. 1. 1875

Note. - The Autumn term begins 9th mo. 1. 1875, & closes 1st Mo. 19th 1876. Winter recess begins 1 mo. 19. 1876 & closes 2d mo 2d 1876. Spring term begins 2d mo 2d 1876 & closes 6 " 21 1876.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the 3d of 8th Mo. next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which, applicati will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation should apply at the time specified, In all cases, information is expected of the ag moral habits, and literary attainments of the applica

All applications should be made to the principal, Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal Friends' Boarding School, Providence R.I.

Which being read and considered it was approved by this meeting, and many bore testimo to the increased usefulness of that institution.

13. We appoint Obadiah Chase, Samuel R. Buffinton, William Forster Mitchell, Moses F. Rogers, Charles R. Tu George Howland Jr, Augustus T. Cof, Stephen Cartland, Edward Earle, Samuel H. Colton, Eli Jones, John D. Lang, Ira T. Jenkins, Samuel Buffum, Joseph Taylor and Reuben T. Jones to unite with a committee of Women Friends in proposing to a future meeting the names of a suitable committee to have the charge and oversight of that school for the ensuin year.

14. George Howland Jr., and William Dame are appointed to have printed 200 copies of the boarding School report and place them in the hands of the representatives of this meeting to be thus early conveyed to our subordinate, meetings.

15. The following summary of the answers to the queries from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders has been read in this meeting

Summary Answers

Ans. 1. Ministers and Elders are careful (with a little exception mentioned in the answer from two meetings) to be diligent in the attendance of their meetings for worship and discipline, and generally careful to promote the attendance of their families

Ans. 2. The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders, we believe, are in a good degree clean and blameless amongst men. They appear to be in unity one with another and with the meeting to which they belong, with a little exception mentioned in the answers from three of our meetings. Harmony of labor is witnessed in most of our meetings

Ans. 3. Ministers and Elders endeavor to rule their own house well, and by example and precept, to train up their families in a religious life & conversation consistent with our Christian profession

Ans. 4. Ministers and Elders are preserved in a good degree of love, and endeavor to encourage or counsel, as occasion may require, in reference to ministry or conduct

16. We are informed by the accounts from our several Quarterly Meetings of the following changes, viz:

17. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that Elizabeth S. Chase, wife of Josiah Chase, an elder, and a member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, deceased 10th Mo. 14th 1874, aged 77 years 6 months; Mark Anthony, a minister and a member of Swansea Monthly Meeting died 11th Month 3d 1874 aged 61 years, 7 mos 28 days Joseph C. Anthony, an elder, and a member of the same meeting departed this life 2d mo. 9th 1875, aged 72 yrs 10 mos 7 days; & Gideon C. Smith, an elder, and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, deceased 2d month 11th 1875, aged 73 years, 9 months 17 days.

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18. Salem Quarterly Meeting informs us that it ha
united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in the
appointment of Sarah W. Swett & Charlotte L. Swett
to the station of elder. Stephen Beede an elder and
member of Salem Monthly Meeting died 4 mo. 3d 187
aged 77 years 4 months 27 days; Elizabeth P. Gove an
elder, and member of Weare Monthly Meeting,
deceased 5th Month 26th 1874 aged 85 years 6 mo. 16 day
19. Sandwich Quarter reports that Elnathan E.
Deans, a minister, a member of New Bedford
Monthly Meeting, deceased 8th Mo. 1st 1874, aged
66 years 10 months 19 days.
20. Falmouth Quarter has united with Limington
Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and
approving the public ministry of Elizabeth N. Cobb
and with the same meeting in the appointment
of Moses L. Cobb to the station of elder; with Windham
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abbie J. Cook
to the same station. Sarah P. Day, a minister, and
a member of Durham Monthly Meeting, died 5th Mo
8th 1875. aged 42 years, 6 mos 13 days; Elisha Jones
an elder, a member of Windham Monthly Meeting
deceased 6th month 22d 1874, aged 76 years; Silas
Cartland, an elder, a member of Limington Month
Meeting died 2d month 22d 1875 aged 76 years 10 mos.
21. Smithfield Quarter has united with Uxbridge
Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and
approving the public ministry of John B. Daniels;
and with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in acknowledg
the gift and approving the public ministry of Abel
C. Munroe; and it has also united with Bolt
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Reuben A.
Wheeler, David B. Wheeler, Mary A. Randall and
Susan E. Wheeler to the station of elder; with Smithf
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Isaac Stee
and Avis B. Steere, and also with Uxbridge Month
Meeting in the appointment of Jonathan F. South
wick to the same station.
22. Vassalboro Quarter has united with China
Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift &
approving the public ministry of J. William Jacob

and S. Narcissa Jacob; and with the same meeting in the appointment of Charles Winslow to the station of elder; with Unity Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Sarah J. Cole. Caleb Nichols, an elder, and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, deceased 12th Mo. 24th 1874, aged 81 years, 4 mos 25 days; Joseph H. Cole, an elder, and member of the same meeting died 5th Mo. 25th 1875, aged 71 years 8th Mo's, 15 days.

23. Dover Quarter reports that Comfort Hoag a minister and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting N. H. deceased 1st month 13th 1875 aged 88 years 9 mos 5 days; and Joseph Tuttle a minister, and a member of Dover Monthly Meeting died 4th mo 28th 1874, aged 87 years.

24, Fairfield Quarter has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of James Shearman to the station of elder. Noah Farr an elder and member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, deceased 4th Mo. 12th 1875 of 66 years 3 mo's 25 days

Adjourned to 10 o'clock on 2d day morning the 14th

Second day morning, 6th mo. 14th. The meeting assembled.

25. The representatives present except six

26. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting proposes that the hour of commencing that meeting be changed from 11 to 10½ A. M., when held at Woonsocket, Northbridge and Bolton, which change this meeting approves.

27. Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting proposes that the holding of that meeting at China be changed from the 2d to the 5th Mo. and in the 2d month it be held at Vassalboro. The proposition is affirmed by this meeting

28. Our beloved friend Seneca H. Stevens, a minister from Amawalk Monthly Meeting, New York, is acceptably with us. A certificate of unity with him from that meeting was read.

29. The records of this meeting for the last year were now read

30. Henry T. Wood, James B. Congdon and J. William Jacob are appointed to gather the religious exercises of the meeting during the time occupied in reading the answers to the Queries from our Quarterly Meetings, to embody the same in a minute, & present it to a future sitting.

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31. The meeting now proceeded in a solemn manner to consider the state of Society, by reading the answers to the Queries which have come up from our Quarterly Meetings, and during this interesting engagement the covering of the Lord's Spirit was witnessed to be over us and his servants were bowed in prayer, asking for his guidance & keeping power and they were enabled in love to hand forth much salutary counsel and advice. And having proceeded in the reading of the first and second queries, with the answers thereto, the meeting then adjourned to four o'clock in the afternoon, when Friends again assembled and finished the reading of the Queries & answers. A lively sense of the condescending love and presence of the great Head of the church was witnessed in our midst and we were tendered and edified together.

Adjourned to 10 A.M. to morrow morning

Third day morning 6th mo. 15th Friends again assembled.

32. Our beloved friend Rufus P. King is acceptably in the attendance of this meeting, certificates of unity on his behalf from Spiceland, Monthly and Quarterly Meeting were read.

33. The following statistical information has been received from our Quarterly Meetings, viz:

| | Births | Deaths | Moved into | Moved out | Admitted | Released | Present num |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rhode Island Quarter | 3 | 16 | 10 | 23 | 12 | 1 | 663 |
| Salem ,, | 6 | 22 | 26 | 13 | 5 | 8 | 723 |
| Sandwich ,, | 1 | 19 | 12 | 8 | 19 | 3 | 790 |
| Falmouth ,, | 4 | 12 | 18 | 10 | 17 | 6 | 559 |
| Smithfield ,, | 6 | 7 | 11 | 4 | 22 | 0 | 433 |
| Vasalboro ,, | 1 | 22 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 555 |
| Dover ,, | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 316 |
| Fairfield ,, | 4 | 10 | 12 | 8 | 21 | 0 | 390 |
| | 26 | 114 | 89 | 72 | 99 | 21 | 444 |

Giving the number of members composing the Yearly Meeting at this time 4449
Number reported last year 4397
Exhibiting an increase of 52

34. These statistics coming up in an imperfect condition, our subordinate meetings are requested to comply with the requirements of our discipline, so that the accounts sent up in the future may be correct

35. Henry H. Mosher, a beloved friend of Brooklyn N.Y. in his last will and testament made certain bequests, as set forth in the following extracts from his will, which have been directed to this meeting by his executors, Edmund Titus, William B. Collins and Henry Dickinson

This subject claiming our consideration, it was the judgement of the meeting that the trust thus hereby created be accepted, and it was accordingly accepted by this meeting. We appoint Joseph O. Macomber, Thomas Harkness, Augustine Jones, Moses F. Rogers, Matthew Howland, David K. Akin, Abram Winslow, George Douglass, Richard Batty, Edmund Earle, Charles B. Cates, Ebenezer Bryer, Timothy B. Hussey, Jacob K. Purinton, George Richardson & Joseph Taylor, to present to a future meeting the names of three friends to be appointed trustees and authorized to receive this fund on behalf of this meeting

"To New England Yearly Meeting
The following is an extract from the will of Henry H. Mosher deceased:
"And, in the next place, that they divide the remaining two thirds of my estate into four equal parts, and pay over one of said parts to trustees to be appointed by the Yearly Meetings of the religious Society of Friends of New York, New England, Philadelphia and Ohio, (such Yearly Meetings as are in unity with the London Yearly Meeting): provided that should either of said Yearly Meetings decline to accept their share, then my said executors are to offer the same to such other Yearly Meetings on this continent as they

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may select; and in unity with said London Yearly
Meeting, as will accept the same.
I do earnestly entreat such of the Yearly Meetings
which accept the said shares that they treat th
fund as a permanent one, to be invested by the
trustees appointed by it, and their successors, the
income of which is to be applied, under the dire
ion of said Yearly Meeting, for the purpose of
printing and circulating books and tracts incu
cating and defending the principles of the Chris
ian religion as preached & promulgated by the
early Friends. The condition of the acceptance of this
bequest to those Yearly Meetings being that no
charge whatever shall be made to this fund
for the carrying out of the same. And I do
nominate and appoint my friends Edmun
Titus, William B. Collins and Henry Dickinson
executors of this my last will and testament.

Henry H. Mosher died in the city of Brooklyn
and his will was probated twelfth month first,
eighteen hundred and seventy four.

Edmund Titus } Executors of th
William B. Collins } estate of Henry
Henry Dickinson } H. Mosher, dec'd.

New York, 3d month 1st, 1875."

Adjourned, to meet
in joint session with women Friends at 4 o'clock
this afternoon.

Afternoon, — The meeting
convened in joint session.

36. The Minutes of the Representative Meeting
for the past year were now read. The doings
of that body are approved by this meeting.

37. The Act of Incorporation obtained from
the Legislature of the State of Maine to enable
this Yearly Meeting to hold its sessions on alter
nate years in that state not being satisfactor
we refer the subject to the Representative Meet
ing for further consideration until next year

38. The State of our members in the British
Provinces being brought to our notice through a

communication from China Monthly Meeting to the Representative Meeting; that body is requested to extend a Christian care to these dear friends in their isolated situation, and report next year.
The meeting then adjourned, to meet in joint session at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.
Fourth day morning, the 16th

Friends again met in joint session

### Foreign Missions

39. The joint committee under appointment by this meeting upon the interesting subject of Foreign Missions, submitted their annual report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

The joint committee entrusted with the concern of this meeting upon the subject of Foreign Missions, present the following report, viz.:

We have much cause thankfully to acknowledge that during the past year we have been permitted to go on in the work for which we were appointed, and we have esteemed it a privilege to be able to assist and encourage our dear friends who are engaged to spread the light of the gospel among the inhabitants of Mt. Lebanon.

We can again testify, as last year, that the work has been manifestly owned of the Lord. He has blessed and helped it from the beginning until now, and to him would we give all the glory.

Our friends Theophilus Waldmeier and his wife are still at the head of the mission work in Brummana with four native assistants. One of them Hannah Farah when only a child at the Bethlehem Orphanage, would go out into the streets and read to the little ignorant children the account of the dear Saviour who was cradled in a manger in their city. Now grown to be a young woman, she writes that she is glad to work upon Mt. Lebanon because she "knows how sweet it is to be with Jesus" and she desires that others may be led to him. Another, Mualim Semaan, has been led through affliction to the only true source of comfort. We believe all the teachers are sincere Christians, and conscientious in the performance of their work.

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There have been five day-schools successfully sustained, with an attendance of about two hundred scholars. One school was established in a village where the people were very bigoted. At first only twelve boys came, but the number soon increased to thirty and when the priest tried to break it up by reading a sentence of excommunication against all who sent their children to it, the people sa "We have no master but Jesus Christ; we don't car for that paper."

Religious meetings have been held every Thursday and well attended, more than one hundred persons present. Theophilus Waldmeier writes "Some of the people begin to realize the wonderfu love of God, as revealed to poor sinners through Jesus Christ. Occasionally some of the more advanced say a few words in meeting, and some have offered up simple but touching prayers.

This is the more interesting when we contrast with it some accounts given of the fearful state of superstition prevailing around them, the Maronite priests being regarded by the people as having all power to save or condemn; and proclamation was made on one occasion that those who should kiss the hand of a newly ordained prie would obtain remission of their sins for fort years. Truly may Theophilus Waldmeier say that, spiritually, "it is the most needy country that I have ever seen".

Our friend Waldmeier came to London abo the time of the Yearly Meeting in 1874, and not long after was received a member of the Society of Frien

While in England he called the attention of Friends there to the need of a home for destitute orphans at Brumana, Mt. Lebanon. This nee commended itself to the sympathies of our transatlantic friends, and they readily subscribed several hundred pounds toward the work and authorized him to go forward in the erection of a suitable building for the purpose. A missionary Society in Sweden has forwarded forty pounds sterling for this work. The step has been concurred in by your committee and a subscription set on foot toward collecting our proportion of the amount needful for the erection and maintenance of the orphanage. For the amount subscribed now, and needed in the future, we would refer to the accompanying report of our treasurer.

The way thus appearing to be made for Theophilus Waldmeier to commence this work, he purchased a suitable tract of land for which he paid £72 sterling. It is on the slope of the mountain, overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, has two springs of water & some trees, the latter so valuable in Eastern countries are duly mentioned in the deed of sale. Coal has also been found in it.

He commenced to collect the materials for the building and to dig the foundation, but he has been much annoyed by the Maronite priests, and he has been obliged to refer the case to a higher court. The last letter, however, states that there is a prospect that the matter will be satisfactorily adjusted.

In spite of all this persecution and difficulty, Theophilus Waldmeier write, "I have no reason for being cast down or dismayed, but I have many reasons for being glad in the Lord, The Lord knows what is best for us, and he will give his children the right measure of trouble and the right measure of gladness, all in the right time. Blessed are they who are able to acknowledge and realize the guiding hand of our Heavenly Father in every thing, circumstance and time. I am not discouraged, our Heavenly Father will stand for us; he will defend our right"

We recommend that this interesting subject should continue to receive the care of the Yearly Meeting.

For the committee
Susan Taber, Clerk

Newport, 6th Mo, 15th 1875

Committee on Foreign Missions of New England Yearly Meeting in Account with George Howland, Jr. Treasurer;

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| 1874, 6mo. | To balance from last year | | $194,53 |
| | To amount rec'd from within the limits of our own Yearly M'tg | | $1971,83 |
| | From members of other " " | | 305,25 |
| | For Hannie Farach | | 12,10 |
| | | | 2483,71 |
| | By amount paid for exchange on Lonion sent T. Waldemeier including $12.10 to H. Farach | $840,42 | |
| 1875, 6mo. | By balance to new acct | $1643,29 | $2483,71 |

George Howland Jr. Treas'r

Newport, 6th mo. 13th 1875.

Note. Fifteen hundred dollars of the amount in the treasury, our proportion of the expense of building the orphanage in Mt. Lebanon, will very soon be forwarded to T. Waldemeier, which will absorb a large share of the funds now in hand, leaving but a small balan for next year's work.

Which being read, the amount of care and attention given to this interesting concern and the progress which has been made in mission in Syria received a ve full response of approval and encouragement from the meeting. The committee appointed last year are continued on this service for the ensuing year, and they are encouraged to labor to promote this cause, with the assurance that they have the sympathy and prayers of this meeting. And our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoi committees to cooperate with these in forwardin this branch of our Christian work.

Names of committee. Eli Jones, Ellen L. Congdon, Joseph C. Macomber, Timothy K. Earle, Rebecca H. Smiley, John H. Crosman, Thomas Ward, Susan Taber, Deborah H. Crosman, Harriet A. Jones, George Howland, jr, Sylvia C. Howland, Jabez Woo Charles M. Bailey, Albert C. Buffum, Ann B. Earle, Charles C. Varney, Lydia Ann Cartland, Abby S. Ba Lydia E. Sawyer, Mary B. Breed of Weare, Anna G. Wai, Cha's Gates, Margaret B. Gates, Obadiah Chase, Julia Ann Hodgdon, Benj. Knowl

Boarding School Committee. 40. The joint committee appointed to present to the meeting the names of a committee to have charge of our Boarding School for the ensuing year, submitted the following, viz.:

Names of Committee.- Benjamin Buffum, Charles F. Coffin, George Howland Jr., Edward Earle, Augustus F. Cox, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles R. Cates, Moses Bailey, George Bowen, William Forster Mitchell, Charles H. Tucker, William C. Taber, Edward W. Howland, George T. Collins, Samuel R. Buffinton, Samuel H. Colton, Ellen R. Buffum, Ann Maria Coffin, Anna C. Reed, S. Jane Cox, Ann B. Earle, Margaret B. Cates, Anna M. Hussey, Hannah J. Bailey, Lucas F. Tucker, Laura S. Collins, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Ann W. Colton, Lydia Haight, Sylvia G. Howland, Phebe S. Gifford, Hannah B. Sawyer; which were approved, and they are appointed to have the charge & oversight of the institution for the ensuing year.

And we hereby authorize and empower the School committee, acting on behalf of this meeting, to make sales of such portions of the "Thomas L. Halsey land, so called," at such times and for such sums of money, as in their judgement will most favorably promote the interest of the School. And George Howland, Jr., the Treasurer of this Yearly Meeting or his successor in that office, is hereby authorized and directed to make good & sufficient deeds of conveyance, and sign the same on behalf of this meeting, adopting his seal as the corporate seal of this meeting, when requested so to do by the said School committee; and they are directed, when such moneys are received by them to add the amount to the permanent School fund, the income to be used for schooling the children of this Yearly Meeting unless in the judgement of the committee there should exist a necessity for a part of the money to be used in some needed outlay on the original School buildings

Adjourned, to meet at 4 P.M., in joint session.

Afternoon, Friends again assembled,

Secular Education

41. A report from the committee on secular education has been read and accepted, containing interesting statistical information, obtained by care-

1875, ful inquiry in our different Monthly Meetings. And while we thus observe the small proportion of our children who are enjoying the benefit of instruction under the influence of Friends, the query arises whether we are not too many of us too much losing sight of what so early claimed the serious attention of our Society the education of youth in accordance with our principles and practices, and whether the small value which some appear to attach to the privilege of membership with us may not often be traced to the want of suitable parental instruction, or to the effect of associations formed in mixed schools, where the views of Friends are little known and respected. We trust this subject, so vital to our continued usefulness as a religious Society, will be found claiming our increased attention, and that the facilities which our young people may rightly demand, for liberal intellectual culture, may be provided in our own schools and colleges and brought within the reach of all our members.

We fully approve the proposition contained in this report, to appoint a judicious Friend to visi during the year all our Monthly Meetings, for th purpose of obtaining correct statistics, and to interest parents and children in favor of denomin tional schools.

We continue the same committee which have served so acceptably the past year, and they are requested to secure a suitable person to perform the above services and are authorized to draw upon the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for a sum not exceeding ($700) seven hundred dollars, to meet the necessary expenses.

Names of Committee, - Augustine Jones, Debora W. Crossman, Thomas J. Battey, Carrie Alice Jone Charles H. Jones, H. Lizzie Jones.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Frien
The committee on Secular education report, tha

they have attended to their appointment, and have obtained from the clerks of our Monthly Meetings the Statistics of which the following is a summary, viz.:

1, That there are seven hundred and thirty four children over five and under twenty one years of age

2, That five hundred and ninety four children have attended School, as follows:

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| Three months | 205 | |
| Six months | 219 | |
| Nine months | 170 | 594 |

3. That there are ninety nine children who have attended Friends' schools, as follows:

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| Providence Boarding School | 67 xx Note on next page. | |
| Oak Grove " | 10 | |
| Clinton Grove " " | 16 | |
| Monthly Meeting and Private Schools | 6 | 99 |

4, That there are, who are known to be desirous of attending Schools under the care of Friends, but have not the means, ninety five.

5, That there are thirteen Friends attending college as follows viz.

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|---|---|---|
| Brown University (Baptist) | 7 | |
| Wesleyan University (Methodist) | 2 | |
| Yale (Congregational) | 1 | |
| Haverford (Friends) | 3 | 13 |

6. That there are known to be preparing for college, fifteen

7. That there are who are known to be desirous of attending a college course & have not the means, twenty three.

8. That there are ninety nine Friends teaching or who have taught during a portion of the year, as follows, viz

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Professors, not in Friends' Colleges | 3 | |
| Teachers in Friends Boarding Schools | 13 | |
| " " Public High Schools | 6 | |
| " Friends' Private Schools | 2 | |
| " Common Schools | 74 | |
| Teacher in State Normal School, R.I. | 1 | 99 |

9. That there is one Monthly Meeting School

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10. That the amount of School funds reported, exclusi of all boarding School funds, is $12,273.43. Annual income of the same $1,032.28

The committee are of opinion that many of the numbers in the above statistics are too small, but they are presented as the nearest approximation to the truth to be attained by them, with the means provided therefor by the Yearly Meeting. The committee invite the attention of the Yearly Meeting to the apparent fact that there are six hundred and seven children between the ages o five and twenty one years who are not attendin Friends' schools at all; and to the yet more significant statement in the report, that there are ninety five of these children known to be desirous of attendin schools under the care of Friends & have not the means. [Here, read paragraph marked (x) thus] bel

The committee therefore recommend that the committee of next year be authorized to appoint a judicious Friend or Friends to visit during that year each Monthly Meeting, for the purpose, first, of obtaining full statistics and information on the subject of education; and secondly for the purpose of presenting both to parents and children the peculiar use and need of denominational instruction, and tha the committee, in payment for such services, be authorized to draw on the treasury of this meeting for a sum not exceeding seven hundred dollars.

x The committee regret to say, upon careful examination, that they believe that Friends are not generall sufficiently awakened to the importance of denominational Schools and of denominational education. It appears to them that the greatest need of this generation is moral & religious instruction and that the home and the church must furnish them; that the home must not be relied on alone, because parents are not aroused to the gravity and importance of the subject, And, further, that neither

[illegible] xx The Principal reports 95, and 7 children of Friends formerly associated with us.

devotional meetings nor First day Schools can wholly accomplish this, because neither sufficient time nor opportunity is afforded in them. The excellent teachings of these must be supplemented by daily instruction in secular Schools under the care and direction of the church. That there are schools everywhere for the culture of intellect, for the development of brain power; that there are not many which furnish genuine discipline for the hearts; that if this is essentially the work of the church, then the Society of Friends ought to do its portion of it. And that since this work is both moral & religious, we must not be satisfied with presenting merely our moral & social testimonies, but we ought earnestly to impress upon the rising generation the distinctive and substantive principles of the Society of Friends; that is to say, the gospel as interpreted by us.

And the committee further suggest in view of the increasing desire among Friends for instruction at college, and of the much greater value of such instruction at large and well endowed institutions whether the time has not fully come when this Yearly Meeting ought to invite the other Yearly Meetings on this continent to cooperate with it in establishing and maintaining, at some central point, one college of the very highest grade.

And in conclusion the committee suggest that, since we have nearly one hundred teachers yearly we ought to have Normal instruction either at the boarding School or elsewhere, by which our teachers might be trained, not only to skill in their profession as teachers, but to present accurately & forcibly the gospel truths which we as a Society are called to promulgate. The importance of this is readily seen in the benefit which has accrued to the Society of Friends in England from the Flounders' Institute at Ackworth.

Augustine Jones
Caroline Alice Jones
Deborah W. Crosman
Charles H. Jones
Huldah Lizzie Jones

In behalf of the committee

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## General Meetings

42. The following satisfactory report from the committ on General Meetings, held within our limits, was presented, namely:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The joint committee appointed to take charge of th General Meetings held within our limits, report as follows:

There have been five General Meetings held during the past year, viz.: At Fairfield, Maine; Woonsocket, R.I.; Burrillville R.I.; Fall River, M and New Bedford, Mass.

There have also been several series of meetings h during the year, and we have had evidence that all have been owned and blessed by the Lord.

A full and free salvation was proclaimed in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, and many were led to receive the pardon of their sin through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and others who had long loved the Lord were enabled to see their privileges in the gospel, and through entire consecration to receive the Lord Jesus as able to keep them from the dominion and power of sin, that they might walk with him in newness of life.

The principles of the gospel as we profess them, have been made more widely known, and through all we have had abundant cause for gratitude and thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church, that he has so blessed our feeble efforts for the promotion of his cause & kingdom.

We believe it would be right for the Yearly Meeting to continue this work, under the care of a committee, as heretofore. On behalf of the committee

Eli Jones
Newport 6th Mo. 15. 1875. Anna G. Wood

And we reappoint the committee that served last year, with the addition of Henry Wood, Edward W. Howland, George Bowen, David M. Hain, Abigail C. Beede, Joseph E. Macomber, J. William Jacobs, Joseph H. Pratt, Harriet D. Collins Harriet N. Jones & Sibyl Narcissa Jacob trusting that the subject will continue to receive their prayerful attention, and that all meetings thus appointed may be so gathered into Christ, our Holy Head, that through his life and power, they may prove seasons of individual blessing and of blessing to the church. Names of committee, Eli Jones, William C. Taber, Anna C. Wood, Sarah W. Goddard, John Cartland, Lydia Haight, Richard Batty, William O. Newhall, Thomas B. Buffum, Moses Bailey, Rebecca H. Smiley, Anna T. Dennis, Abigail M. Hoxie, Susan Taber, Timothy B. Hussey, Edward W. Collins, Jane C. Minott, Phebe P. Jones, Hannah C. Sawyer, Matthew W. Howland, Anna S. Hoxie, Edward W. Howland, George Bowen, David K. Aikin, Abigail E. Goode, Joseph E. Macomber, J. William Jacob, Joseph H. Pratt, Harriet P. Collins, Catharine W. Jones and Sibyl Narcissa Jacob.

43. Our Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to cooperate with the above committee and render them such assistance in their respective Quarterly Meetings as may tend to promote this engagement.

Adjourned, to meet in separate sessions tomorrow at 4. P.M.

4 o'clock P.M. Friends again assembled, 6th mo. 17th

44. The Representatives present except 19. Reasons were assigned for the absence of four.

45. The representatives in the attendance of this Yearly Meeting from our several Quarterly Meetings in accordance with the provisions of our discipline have presented the following names to constitute a Representative Meeting for the coming year, viz: Names, - Thomas Hartman, George Bowen, Gertrude W. Cartland, Anna T. Dennis, William O. Newhall, Charles F. Coffin, Abigail M. Hoxie, Hannah B. Sawyer, George Howland, Jr. Charles R. Tucker, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Susan Taber, George Douglass, Augustus F. Cox, S. Jane Cox, Elizabeth A. Douglass, Samuel H. Colton, Richard Batty, Ann B. Earle, Ann W. Colton, Thomas B. Nichols

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Eli Jones, Mary C. Jones, Sarah W. Goddard, Jacob R. Purinton, Samuel Buffum, Elmira B. Buffum, Lydia C. Jenkins, Moses Bailey, Reuben S. Jones, Phebe P. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, Perez Peck, George Richardson, Edward W. Howland, Augustine Jones, Thomas A. Wheeler, William C. Taber Jr, Benjamin Buffum, Samuel R. Buffinton, Matthew Howlan Edward Earle, Ebenezer Frye, Joseph Cartland, Henry S. Wood, Samuel Jones, Moses Sawyer, Stephen Jones, Thomas Folsom.

The nomination is approved by this meeting, and the Women's meeting concurring herein, they are appointed on that service for the year ensuing.

46. The committee appointed at a previous sittin charged with the duty of proposing to this meeting th names of three friends to be appointed by and in behalf of this meeting to receive from the executors of the will of our friend Henry H. Mosher, late of Brooklyn, N.Y., deceased the bequest given to this Yearly Mee ing as set forth in his last will and testament, to held by said trustees under the direction of this meetin have proposed the names of Edward W. Howland, Charles F. Coffin and Charles N. Bailey, whose names being approved, they are hereby appointed trustees, in accordance with the provision of said will, and they are directed faithfully to carry out the provisions con tained therein relating to said bequest. And this mee ing now authorizes and empowers the said trustees with full authority to receive from said executors al sums of money which may from time to time belong to this bequest; and we now further auth ize the said Edward W. Howland, Charles F. Coffin &, Charles N. Bailey, as our trustees, to give to said executors a full discharge for all moneys by them received on behalf of this meeting and on behalf of this meeting, and on behalf of themselves as truste This meeting further directs said trustees to inves and, if occasion requires, to reinvest the property of the trust which is hereby created, in such permanen safe investments as their judgement may dictate,

the income arising therefrom to be held by them until further directed by this meeting. And the said trustees are directed to report annually, and Charles R. Tucker, the clerk of this meeting, is directed to furnish the said executors and also the trustees with copies of this minute and also copies of the minutes made at a previous sitting, and sign them on behalf of this meeting.

47. The Women's Yearly Meeting has concurred in all our doings relating to this trust.

### Peace

48. The committee of this meeting upon the subject of Peace, which is a subject that has been from the first rise of this Society one of our distinguishing features, it being so fully set forth in the teachings of our Lord, have laid before the meeting their report, viz.:

To the Yearly Meeting: The joint committee on the subject of universal Peace report, — that during the past year considerable has been effected in the distribution of reading matter and of tracts illustrative of the principles of Peace. To representative men, in different parts of New England, documents of various kinds have been furnished and, in a large number of instances, we find that these different works, the elaborate essay, the periodical or the convenient tract, have been not only kindly received, but read with thoughtful appreciation.

In the 2d month last, an interesting conference, continued through two sessions, was held at New Bedford, which was attended by a goodly number of its citizens and by other persons of that neighborhood. The history of the efforts by the different governments of Europe and America in favor of international arbitration and of universal peace were laid before the meeting, and added materially to the interest of the occasion. A Peace meeting was soon after held in the village of Woonsocket, R. I., by appointment of some members of the committee and other Friends, which was attended by an interesting audience. —

The committee arranged for the "Messenger of Peace" to be sent, free of expense to the recipients for one year

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to such persons in various parts of the country, as, in their judgments would be interested in perusing its contents

Much of the labor devolving upon the committee is quiet and unobtrusive, but if done in faith not only in the cause, but also in its Author, the Prince of Peace, we believe it will not be in vain

The amount expended by the committee is as follows, viz.:

Amount remaining in hands of Com. last year, $225.26
1875 Paid for 100 copies of Messenger of Peace one " $35.
" for expenses of Peace Conference at New Bedford & for printing $18.35
Cost of Peace Tracts and matter purchased $17.17 $70.52
Balance now in hand $154.74

On behalf of the committee
Matthew Howland
Abby S. Batty
Newport 6 mo. 16, 1875

Which being read was interesting and satisfactory to us, but as peace men we feel that we are coming far short in doing what seems to be our duty; the principle of Peace being one of the means in the hands of the great Head of the church to bring men to Christ. The same committee are reappointed on this service, and are encouraged to labor in this cause as ability may be afforded. Committee, Men. Eli Jones, John H. Crosman, Joseph H. Atwater, Timothy B. Hussey, Matthew Howland, Charles C. Varney, Edward W. Howland, Samuel R. Buffinton, Joseph Cartland, George Richardson, Charles A. Bailey, Charles Taber, Gideon Weed, Jabez Weed, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph E. Macomber, Henry T. Wood, Nathaniel Gifford, George H. Pope, Henry Chase, Charles A. Nichols, Edward Y. Austin, Women. Ann K. Colton, Rachel S. Howland, Susan Taber, Dorcas F. Tucker, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail C. Beede, Gertrude W. Cartland, Ann B. Earle, S. Narcissa Jacob, Dorcas B. Robinson, Anna T. Dennis, Ellen H. Buffum, Mary A. Smith, Abby S. Batty, Sylvia G. Howland,

## Indians

49. The abiding concern of this meeting on behalf

and for the aborigines of our land having resulted in setting apart a committee for laboring to advance the well being of the Indians located west of the Mississippi river, both spiritually and morally, that committee have now submitted the following communication, to wit:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The joint committee appointed in aid of the concern of this meeting for the improvement of the Indians located west of the Mississippi River, report

Arrangements were promptly made to engage in the labor more especially assigned us by the Yearly Meeting viz.; the supervision of schools within the limits of the Quapaw agency in the Indian Territory. As reported last year, four schools are sustained within the limits of this agency, but only two of them are under our care, viz.: one a mission school composed of children of the Quapaw and Modoc tribes, and the other the Peoria day school. The former of which Emmeline H. Tuttle continues to be the efficient teacher and matron, has been in continuous session since the first of 9th month last. The enrolment since the commencement of the present year has been 75, with an average attendance of 72. To conduct this large family composed of at least 80 persons, with the requisite care for the physical mental and moral needs of all, draws heavily upon the powers of our friends Asa & Emmeline Tuttle.

The Peoria School opened 12th Mo. 1st under the charge of Simon Gebve, an Indian and was continued four months. It commenced again on the 10th of 5th Mo. with Joseph H. Newlin as teacher, and an average attendance of 20 scholars.

Of the progress of the children in their studies, and their advancement in civilization, we have received encouraging assurances from time to time during the year. Emmeline Tuttle says, under date of 2nd mo. 10th, "Their advancement in learning is, indeed, surprising; their interest in study does not wane, & they are rapidly developing." Agent Jones, also, writes "On the whole, our schools have been very satisfactory & encouraging the present year."

When we remember that English is not their native

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tongue, and that the ability to speak the language must first be acquired, their commendable progress is the more remarkable. A letter received a short time since, from three of the girls in the mission, and written, as Emmeline Tuttle informs, without assistance, is a very creditable production.

A number of the boys have been usefully employed as helpers in the farm work, and are also gradually acquiring the habits of thrift and industry essential to civilized life. Some of the girls are also instructed in sewing & knitting, and they seem highly gratified with this opportunity to learn, and with the knowledge they have gained.

To the continued faithfulness and efficiency of Asa C. and Emmeline H. Tuttle, our care-takers at the mission, we can bear cheerful testimony. The oversight of the work upon the farm which includes 30. acres sown with wheat, 20 in oats, an equal area of corn with the production of all the garden vegetables and the milk and butter required for the mission family, the preparation and care of the needed clothing for 75 children, some of whom have been unaccustomed to its use, with the varied and responsible duties involved in the social, intellectual and religious culture of these untutored objects of their care, appear to have been performed with a zeal & cheerful alacrity highly satisfactory & encouraging to the committee.

The religious feeling which has pervaded the mission during the year is truly gratifying. Under date of 2d Mo. 10th Emmeline Tuttle writes: "The Lord has wonderfully blessed us this winter, and lately especially, there has been a deep religious element among the children. Our Mary Shearman, a Quapaw girl, has recently acknowledged that she loved the Lord, and a few evenings since, while several were testifying for Jesus, she wept like an infant; & could not find relief until she said, through an interpreter, that she loved Jesus, and wished us to pray for her. She said she was very weak, had not known Jesus but a little while, but she thought the Lord would make her strong. Jim Modoc has passed through a similar experience, and many others are being wrought upon. One boy said to me last night, "I want a good heart; I know I have not got it yet, but I'm trying some to do right, and I want to try harder every day". Nearly all the children are at times tendered at the awful presence of Jehovah."

A most encouraging feature in this connection is the fact that the religious feeling is reaching to the old Quapaw people, many of whom attend their First-day meetings regularly. E. Tuttle says, "The head man in the nation is really becoming a preacher of righteousness; he comes every Sabbath and speaks of the goodness of God" Of one of these religious meetings she writes; "There was one man present who made a confession for the first time in his life. He said he was at the head of 400 Scouts during the war, had shot down many a man, and had been terribly wicked. He now feels the burden of his sins to be very heavy and is seeking salvation through the merits of Jesus. It was an affecting sight to see the tears of penitence flow fast from his eyes and fall to the floor"

In a letter just received from Asa Tuttle, he writes, "Not long since a Modoc Indian nearly of full stature was heard, while engaged in his round of duty, repeating, with much emphasis, that Bible text, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life". Alluding to religious influences among the children, he says; "As evidence of the genuine character of this work, we have overheard some of these dear ones, engaged in prayer, and in visiting from bed to bed, before retiring. The tremulous voice and earnest pathos with which they appeal to their fellows, who are still unchanged, tell plainly of the origin of their concern."

A Temperance pledge has been introduced to the Mission, which has been signed by many of the children, and since by 19 adults in the First day School. The American Bible Society have kindly forwarded to the Mission, during the year, two hundred Bibles and Testaments for the children in the School were presented

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to such Indians in the neighborhood as are able to read and are desirous of obtaining a copy.

The financial accounts of the committee is as follows:

| 1874. | Receipts | |
|---|---|---|
| 6 mo. | By balance of former account | $ 36.15 |
| 11 " 9 | Remittance from J. K. Purinton, quota for Dover | 32. |
| 12 " 2 | Recd of Thos Folsom, for Seabrook Monthly Meeting | 25.50 |
| " 5 | From R. Island Quarter, by James Dennis | 184. |
| " 22 | " Fairfield, by Moses Bailey | 49.50 |
| " 29 | " Matthew Howland, for Sandwich Quarter | 248. |
| 1875. 1 mo. 12. | From Edward Earle, for Smithfield | 50. |
| " 2d mo. | " Falmouth by Augustus F. Cox | 33.23 |
| 4 " 6 | By Chas B. Cates, for Vassalboro Quarter | 48. |
| 4 " 12 | Z. Breed, for Weare Monthly Meeting | 25.55 |
| 13 | From Salem Monthly Meeting by Wm. S. Brown | 117.60 |
| 6 mo. 5th | " Friends of Providence for Modoc Women by G. W. Cartland | 32. |
| | | $ 881.53 |

| 1874. | Expenditures | |
|---|---|---|
| | Paid for paper, envelopes, slates & pencils | $ 6.55 |
| | For boys' made clothing, hats, caps &c. | 145.91 |
| | " crockery, knives, spoons & tinware | 39.63 |
| | " prints, dress goods, cotton cloth, yarn, stockings &c. | 255.90 |
| | " Cash sent Asa C. Tuttle, for freight & other expenses | 52. |
| 1875. | Paid for 20 pairs woolen blankets | 80. |
| | " " shoes for boys & girls | 142.86 |
| " 3 mo 29. | Paid for lesson charts for school | 5.25 |
| 3 " | " " ready made clothing | 10.52 |
| 5 " | For cotton cloth, ticking, dress goods, prints, thread &c. | 100.89 |
| 6 " 3d | Check sent Asa C. Tuttle, for freights | 12.00 |
| | knitting cotton yarn, needles, cloth &c. for Modoc women | 28.91 |
| | | 880.42 |
| | Balance in hand | 1.31 |
| | | $ 881.53 |

The report is interesting, and is acceptable and encouraging to us, and our sympathies are renewedly awakened to labor for the promotion of this cause and to put forth fresh efforts for the well-being and improvement of these our native brethren. We continue the committee of last year, except our late dear friend Gulielma M. Howland (deceased) and Cynthia Bowen, (released on account of ill health) with the addition of Susan Taber, Cynthia J. Earle, and Anna G. Wood.

50. The executive committee acting on behalf of this meeting on Indian affairs for the Central Agency, report as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee on Indian affairs connected with the Associated Executive Committee of the several Yearly Meetings, having the care of those Indians in the central superintendency, report, — that the agents under the care of Enoch Hoag our superintendent, are the same they were at this time last year, and that most of them have done the best that circumstances would allow

Meetings of the associated executive committee have been held as follows: A special meeting at Lawrence, Kansas, in seventh month last; a regular meeting at Richmond, Ind., in 9th month last; and another at Damascus, Ohio, 4th Mo. 7th. 1875. The next meeting is to be held at Indianapolis, 10th mo. 27th 1875.

The Washington committee have held three special meetings, and individual members have been to Washington at various times to hold interviews with officers of the Interior Department and members of Congress. The work has been a growing one, and the labors of the committee have been much more complicated than in former years, owing to the prevalence of the war spirit among some of the wild Indians which has been aroused by the doings of wicked white men. These troubles have existed mostly in the three Southern agencies, viz:, that of the Kiowas & Comanches, at Fort Sill, J. M. Haworth agent; the Wichitas, at Andarka, J. Richards, agent; the Cheyennes & Arapahoes, at Darlington, J. D. Miles, Agent. Many of those belonging to these tribes have, however, remained peaceful and loyal, and confiding in the care of their agents. The committee had been led to expect that between

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3000 and 4000 of these Indians which had been taken as prisoners of war, would have been, ere this, removed north, to the vicinity of the Quapaw agency, but for some cause they have been allowed to remain, and been distributed among these agencies for Friends to care for. This carries the appearance of sharp practice upon us, but we will not judge it, trusting it may be overruled for good.

About 75 of the leading warriors of these tribes have been sent down to a fort at St. Augustine, Florida there to remain as prisoners. The first plan was to send their wives and children with them, but through the intervention of two Friends, and the kindness of President Grant, the order was modifie so that the wives and children should remain at the agencies.

The schools are all full and making good progress, numbering over six hundred scholars in the different agencies. Most, if not all, have First day schools which are conducted by the agents, their families an the teachers. At all the northern agencies houses for many of the Indian families are being built, lands fenced, plowed and put under cultivation.

The committee are furnished with interesting details of all that is going on, which would be of value in this report, but might make it too extended. All that pertains to education, civilization and Christianity is truly encouraging, and as we look into the future to a generation of red men educated and Christianized, w feel indeed hopeful.

It gives us satisfaction, again to testify to the contin faithfulness of our general agent, Dr. William Nicholson The past year he has visited all the agencies once or more, with their schools, has attended all the meetin of the executive committee been in full conference with the Washington committee, made up the annual report, spent three months at Washington carefully and judiciously looking after the interests this important work, and more recently has put himself in systematic correspondence with all the agencies, so that he can give the committee monthly reports of what is going on there.

Some accusations having appeared in the public press derogatory to the character and labors of our superintendent, Enoch Hoag, we think it right to say that we believe them to be wholly without foundation, and cannot be sustained; neither do they shake our confidence in his faithfulness in performing all the duties devolving upon him in his private or official position.

Subjoined is a copy of a report of the committee on religious interests, 4th Mo. 8th 1875. at a meeting of the executive committee held at Damascus

Edw. W. Haviland
Edw. Earle

The committee on religious interests reported as follows viz.: The committee on religious interests report, - that we believe this part of the work has been increasing in interest and efficiency at most, if not all the agencies. Meetings for worship open to every one are held at all, and attended by the agents and their families and some of the employes and by a few Indians. In some of the agencies the religious work is of a very interesting character, as is shown more fully in the report of our general agent. The children are taught in the Holy Scriptures, Firstday schools are kept up, and such means of religious instruction have been used as seem best adapted to the conversion, and building up of those brought under the influence of Friends. At the Cheyenne agency several of the soldiers have regularly attended the meetings for worship on First day.

Signed on behalf of the committee
4th Mo. 8th 1875 Charles F. Coffin

Which being read, was a further evidence of a blessing to that neglected portion of the human family from the efforts so wisely put forth from season to season by this committee.

Committee. - Joseph Cartland, Joseph E. Macomber Sarah F. Tobey, Charles F. Coffin, Moses Sawyer, Ann Maria Coffin, Hannah B. Sawyer, Edward W. Haviland, Henry S. Wood, Phebe [illegible],

1875. Rebecca Ewer, Freeman Andrews, Charles A. Nichols, Jane C. Minott, Myra E. Frye, Edward Earle, Richar Bailey, Ann B. Earle, Abby S. Bailey, John S. Lang, Charle B. Cates, Margaret B. Cates, Louisa L. Osborne Amos D. Purinton, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Maria Purinton, Moses Bailey, Isaac W. Coulter, Hannah J. Bailey, Lavinia Briggs, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Buffum, Thomas J. Bailey, Rebecca H. Smiley, Charles M. Bailey, Sarah Marble, Timothy K. Earle, Lydia Haight, Mary C. Baylies, George Howland jr., John H. Crossman, Davi Kelley, Susan Taber, Cynthia J. Earle, Anna G. Woo and Thomas Wood.

51. The clerk of the meeting of ministers and elders informed us that Eli Jones had been liberated by Chin Monthly Meeting, and had received the approval of Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting to perform a religious visit in England and Ireland, and, if way opens fo to some parts of the continent of Europe on the shores of the Mediterranean; which concern had been united with by the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and the certificate granted him by that body was read. Much sympathy was expressed with ou dear friend on this occasion, and we earnestly desire that he may be preserved and returned t his family and friends, with the reward of peace.

52. The committee appointed at a previous sitting, ha produced a minute conveying to some extent th exercises of this meeting during the time occupie in the weighty engagement of reading the answer to the Queries from our Quarterly Meetings. The clerk is directed to place the same upon our records.

The consideration of the spiritual condition of the church, and the growth of its members in the Christian life produced feelings of solemnity, an the baptism of the Holy Spirit was witnessed am us. And first, with reference to the due attendance of our meetings for the worship of Almighty Creato we were reminded that however needful it migh appear to induce all our members to observe this wholesome religious duty, we should ever rememb that the primary object and concern of the church should be to bring all to the experience of true conversion of heart, and to an abiding membership in the body of Christ. All who have this experience, and are in living fellowship with their Holy Head will gladly meet together to wait upon, to worship and adore him. Drowsiness in our meetings is sometimes experienced, but if we find, on examination, that this weakness, as is often the case, is the result of unfaithfulness to religious duty, we may well be aroused to an effort for a removal of the cause. If the fire of true devotion is maintained in the heart and we are engaged in living faith to look to the Lord for his bleſsing, a dull and listless state of mind will not be our portion.

With respect to that love and Christian fellowship which will ever characterize the true disciple of Christ, we were afresh reminded of its eſsential character, and of this indiſpensable qualification for labor in his church If we love the Lord with all our hearts, if we know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, we shall not only keep his commandments and do those things which are pleasing in his sight, but, under its constraining influence we shall cheerfully discharge every duty of his appointment. If our service in the church is cold and formal, if a brother's need prompt not to ready and loving endeavor, we may conclude that the fruits of the Spirit are wanting in us, and that our Heavenly Father is not glorified.

Were all mankind engaged faithfully to observe the golden rule, which with the lapse of time loses none of its binding force, to do to others as we would that they should do to us, we may rest assured that war would this day be impoſsible, and the bleſsings of universal peace would be the world's inheritance. May we endeavor, as ability is afforded us, to do our part in hastening that day.

In allusion to the miſsion of the church, and the cause for which we may believe this religious society was raised up, we were reminded that its work is by no means ended. If we ourselves can thankfully rejoice before God in the aſsurance that we have been translated out of darkness into the kingdom of his dear Son, may we be willing, as a token of our gratitude, to endeavor to bring others to the same blessed experience.

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Christ and Christ alone, as the way of Salvation, wh
God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith
in his blood; and, confident of the sustaining presen
and power of the Holy Spirit, they wrought earnestly
in the vineyard of their Lord, by whose bleſsing on thei
devoted labors one hundred thousand were added to the churc
Looking to-day at the situation of multitudes around
us who are hungering and thirsting for the bread an
the water of life, may we not ask ourselves the question
"Is the Lord's hand waxed short?" If we believe God would
have all men to be saved", if we recognize the comman
as still binding upon his followers, "Go ye therefore
and teach all nations," and remember also the
comforting assurance, "Lo, I am with you alway",
may we emulate the zeal of those early laborers
and trust the Lord of the harvest for the same rich
fruits. May ours be the same definite purpose, the
salvation of sinners, and may we also remember
that every means of grace is ours, which the dear
Master has sanctified to our use, and that no instr
mentality is trivial which shall gain a soul for his
kingdom.

We were tenderly exhorted to a frequent reverent
perusal of the Bible, as a blessed means of instruction
and of a growth in grace.

In allusion to the practice now common among us
of the daily reading in our families of a portion of the
Scripture, we were reminded of the great blessing whi
has resulted to many a household in which this servi
has been performed in the fear of the Lord. Often, at this
daily sacrifice, would the head of the family, and
sometimes the dear children, be heard in vocal pra
as they were engaged in imploring a blessing from God
or as they returned thanksgiving for his abounding
mercies. To those especially who are allowed of God t
be put in trust with the gospel, was the word of exhor
ation to be diligent in the perusal of Holy Scripture
Given by inspiration of God, profitable for doctrine an
for instruction in righteousness, it is certainly the du
of the Christian minister to be familiar with their

sacred contents, would he mind the injunction, "Study to show thyself approved unto God"

Temperance. 53. The Committee on Temperance have been mindful of their appointment during the past year, and now submit for the consideration of this meeting the following report, viz:

To the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:
From reports received from several Monthly Meeting committees appointed to cooperate with your committee on the subject of Temperance, we find that in many of the Monthly Meetings such a committee has been appointed and has been engaged in carrying out the design of the appointment.

While there has been manifest interest evinced with many of our members, and a willingness to lend their names, and influence to advance this important cause, some difficulties have been experienced, which we note for the prayerful consideration of the followers of Christ. The first objection met with in several places was the form of the pledge, the term "God helping" being considered by some as partaking of the nature of an oath. Another objection was the obligation imposed thereby to "discountenance, in every way poſsible" the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage in the community. Lastly, the fact that we are, as a Society, a temperance organization in ourselves. In the limited time devoted by the committee, there was not a full understanding relative to the duties of the several committees, showing the necessity of more effective labor in future. We would recommend that the subject be continued under the care of a committee. We would also recommend that a committee be appointed by each Quarterly Meeting to cooperate with the Yearly Meeting's committee. We also recommend that Monthly Meetings be requested to appoint committees whose duty shall be to take such action & furnish such statistical and other information, as the Yearly Meeting's committee may require. We have expended $36.

Signed on behalf of the committee
Harriet N. Jones, Clerk

On reading the report, it appeared that the work has

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not gone forward the past year to the extent which we
desire, for we do believe that total abstinence from intox
icating drinks and tobacco is essential for the promotion
of both moral and religious improvement. Our treasu
is directed to pay to the order of the committee a sum
not exceeding three hundred dollars, when called for.

We continue the same committee with the additio
of Charles R. Tucker, Charles H. Goddard, Samuel R.
Buffinton, J. William Jacob, Phebe S. Gifford, Char
lotte D. Holmes, and Elizabeth B. Nichols to labo
for the suppression of this great evil the coming year.
Names of Committee. - Men - Joseph E. Macomber, Zeph
niah Breed, James P. Boyce, Jabez Wood, Charles Taber,
Augustus F. Cox, Edward S. Hacker, Timothy H. Earle,
Abel G. Munro, Eli Jones, Jonathan Estes, Albert C.
Buffum, Albert C. Hall, Jonathan Cartland, Joseph
E. Briggs, Isaac Warren Hawkes, Charles R. Tucker,
Charles H. Goddard, Samuel R. Buffinton, J. William
Jacob; Women, Ellen W. Buffum, Gertrude H. Cartlan
Lydia C. Neal, Deborah W. Cushman, Susan Taber,
Elizabeth W. King, Myra E. Frye, Salima Jane Cox,
Susan Ann Gifford, Lydia Haight, Mary C. Jones,
Eliza Philbrick, Lydia E. Sawyer, Gulielma M.
Purinton, Harriet N. Jones, Phebe M. Wadsworth,
Phebe S. Gifford, Charlotte D. Holmes & Elizabeth B. Nich

## Education

54. The committee on education, in which was inclu
the very important branch of "Bible-school instruction", ha
made report as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

Your committee to whom was intrust
the subject of Bible School work, report, - that for the pa
year, they have given considerable attention to the subje
and have deeply felt the responsibility of the charge committe
to them. We have found that many in the various parts
our Yearly Meeting are much interested in the subject an
have been encouraged by their cooperation.

The committee have desired that a school might be
established in every meeting within our limits, and
their endeavors have been in a good degree successful.
Several new schools have been established within

the past year but there are still some meetings which have not this privilege; but these are small, and the members of some of them attend Union schools more or less under the influence of Friends.

A sub-committee has visited some of our eastern meetings during the past winter, for the purpose of having conferences with the teachers and superintendents of the schools. Among the places visited were Dover, Berwick, Vassalboro: East Vassalboro: China, Dirigo, Winthrop, Portland, Rochester, and Lynn. These conferences have been pleasant, and we believe profitable seasons.

We present the following statistics of the state of our meetings as far as known; though the information received is not as complete as could be desired.

| | Number of Scholars enrolled | No. of classes enrolled | Average attendance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting | 574 | 39 | 439 |
| Salem Quarterly Meeting | 207 | 23 | 166 |
| Sandwich Quarterly Meeting | 279 | 41 | 159 |
| Falmouth Quarterly Meeting | 196 | 23 | 118 |
| Smithfield Quarterly Meeting | 109 | 11 | 79 |
| Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting | 62 | 4 | 44 |
| Dover Quarterly Meeting | 67 | 8 | 41 |
| Fairfield Quarterly Meeting | 207 | 18 | 128 |
| Total | 1701 | 167 | 1194 |

We find that in a few schools there is a thorough organization and a record kept, including superintendent, teachers, secretary and treasurer; but many of our Bible schools are deficient in these respects. To obviate this difficulty, uniform books of records for superintendents and teachers have been prepared & distributed to the various schools within the Yearly Meeting. Much pains have been taken to prepare these books, and we would desire that the records may be accurately kept, that the Yearly Meeting may be furnished with correct statistical information. It would tend to simplify these records if all the classes in a school were considered as Bible classes without any distinction as to age or proficiency.

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We believe there is an increasing earnestness in most of our members in relation to Bible Study. They realize the truth that "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God ... that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Our prayer is that the blessed Holy Spirit may come into all our hearts, and give us to see the meaning of these words, -"perfect," thoroughly furnishe

We commend this important subject to the fostering care of the Yearly Meeting

On behalf of the committee
Joseph E. Macomber
Newport 6th mo 16th 1875. Elizabeth A. Slade

Which being considered was satisfactory to the meeting, and we continue the same committee, namely, Joseph E. Macomber, Jabez Wood, Charles Saber, Anna G Wood, Susan Saber, Elizabeth Ann Slade with the additi of Samuel R. Buffinton, on this important branch of our educational work.

## Freedmen

35. The committee having in charge the concern of this meeting on behalf of the freed people, who for many years have been a subject of prayerful inter with us, have made the following interesting report, viz.: To the Yearly Meeting

Owing to sickness and other causes, your smal committee in charge of the affairs of the free peopl have not been able to give to that service as much atte tion as they have in former years, but something has been done. The Normal fund received from Englan has all been appropriated to uses for which it was designed viz., the education of teachers, and three girls have receiv at Howard University such training as will fit them to follow that vocation. A fourth, Victoria Shaw, has sti another year to remain there, and those interested in he will be glad to know that she is likely to graduate with honor, having been a worthy recipient of the fund.

One hundred and fifty dollars has been paid from our Freedmen's fund towards a Schoolhouse & School the town of Lottsburg, Virginia, where two faithful women from the North have been laboring for several years. Two young men have been supported at Hampton Normal School, at an expense of one hundred and fifty dollars. We have also paid one hundred dollars for the school bills of two girls at Howard University. In proof of the perseverance of one of these girls in pursuit of education, it may be stated that every day, at the close of school exercises, she has walked two miles to the Treasury building, where she has scrubbed floors for two or three hours, in order to obtain money to pay her bills for board and lodging. She has also worked at domestic service during vacations. This she has done for two years.

At a meeting of this committee held on the morning of the 14th, Joseph Dickenson, a member of the missionary board of Indiana Yearly Meeting, met with us & called our attention to the Maryville Normal Institute in East Tennessee, for the education of the freed people. There are 30 acres of land and a large new building 120 feet long by 35 and 55 feet wide. He stated to us that the Missionary Board of Indiana Yearly Meeting have not the means to continue to carry it on, and fear that they may have to abandon it. They ask Friends of this Yearly Meeting either to assist them by the appropriation of funds for its support or to have the property transferred to us by deed and manage it entirely by ourselves. We think we can safely propose to conduct the school for three years, and perhaps four, with the funds we have now on hand, with the privilege of taking a deed at the expiration of that time, as the meeting may approve or direct

On behalf of the committee
Edward W. Howland
Ann B. Earle

New England Friends' Mission at Washington in Account with Edward W. Howland to 6th Mo 10th 1875.

| | Dr. | |
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| 1874 | | |
| 6 mo. 10. | To balance from last year's account | $3.922.93 |
| 7 mo | To received of John C. Gove | 500. |
| 1875. 3d mo. 25th. | To received of John C. Gove | 100. |
| 6 " 10 | To interest on the above to date | 271.71 |
| | | $4794.64 |

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| 1874. 10th Mo. By two scholars at Hampton Normal School one year | $150. | |
| 1875. 1st Mo. 2d By to assist a school at Lottsburg, Virginia | 150 | |
| " 3d mo 25th By schooling two girls at Howard University, Washington, D.C. | 100 | |
| " 6mo. 10. By interest on the above | 15.93 | $415.93 |
| By balance on hand | | 4378.71 |
| | | $4794.64 |

Edward W. Howland

Newport 6mo. 10. 1875.

Which is accepted; and we have again been made sensible of a blessing from our Heavenly Father for extending the hand to that down-trodden and forsaken people in the time of their great extremity. We again commit this concern for the ensuing year to the same committee, with the addition of Susan Taber in the place of our friend Gulielma W. Howland, deceased.

Names of Committee. – Edward W. Howland, Benjamin Buffum, Ellen W. Buffum, Edward Earle, Ann B. Earle and Susan Taber.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock 6th. day morning the 18th

Sixth day morning 6th Mo. 18th The meeting again assembled.

56. The annual report of the committee which has been laboring the past year for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, located in the State of Maine, has been now submitted, and is as follows;

It appears from report of agent of the Penobscots that that tribe has received, as per resolve of the Legislature of Maine $3.730.93 which was expended in the following manner

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| For agricultural purposes | $896.03 |
| Bounty on crops | 359.15 |
| Goods for community | 1826.25 |
| To build school house on Olamon | 200. |
| For salaries of superintendents, farming | 150. |
| Salary of agent | 300. |

They have also been the recipients of $4.633.30 interest on fund held in trust by the State of Maine, & expended as follows:

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| Paid for goods for spring dividends | $792.77 |
| " " support of poor, aged, infirm & sick | 1939.35 |
| " medicine & medical attendance | 290. |
| " funeral expenses | 168.88 |
| " wood for tribe | 1218.71 |
| " incidental expenses, painting meeting house &c. | 278.36 |

The amount of fund arising from leases of shores belonging to the tribe, and received the last year was $5.736.55. Of this sum $400 was used for educational purposes, $100 for salary for priest, $50 for salary of Governor, and $30 for Lieutenant Governor; the remainder was divided among the tribe, as provided by the Statutes of Maine making the total amount for benefit of tribe $14.176.58.

Those residing at Oldtown were visited last week by two of our number, who report themselves pleased with evidences of industry in basket-making & providing for domestic comfort, especially among the females of several of the families visited. They also noticed several garden patches, new fences and improvements going forward in some of the houses quite creditable to the owners, but regret that they are unable to speak more favorably of the education of the 70 or 80 children of the tribe of an age to attend school. The tribe now have three school-houses, a new one having been erected on Olamon Island the past year.

The Passamaquoddy tribe has not been visited the past year, but the report of the agent enables us to give the meeting some items with regard to their condition, of the same general character with those above reported with regard to the other tribe

The whole number of this portion of the Indians of Maine is five hundred and sixteen (516). They are variously employed, many of them during the summer months as laborers at Pembroke. Their winter employments are cutting wood & basket-making. They are expert, as all these people are, in the last named employment and the product of their industry in this line finds a ready sale.

There was expended during the year ending 12th

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made last, for these people by the State of Maine, the sum of $4.101.46, and this outlay is of the same general character as that the details of which have been given in relation to the Penobscot tribe.

These statements present these people to us as the wards of the state of Maine. Under this guardianship their bodily wants are provided for, and to some extent the instrumentalities for religious observance and mental culture. While they are found in a condition of comparative comfort, and find in the guardianship that is over them all the reasonable ca as to the management of their property and the provisions for their bodily wants, their position with regard to religious progress and mental improvement is not encouraging. Their form of faith leads them to follow implicitly the leadership of their religious guides.

The provision for educational purposes, we regard as inadequate, and such is their position politically and mentally that the agencies for improvement must be found outside of themselves It is in this direction that this meeting is enabled to extend to them the assistance that justifies our concern in their behalf.

We have been of service to them, and we can, without in any way interfering with the State government in its guardianship, help in the work of their enlightenment and progress

On behalf of the committee
Stephen Jones
Newport, R.I. 6mo. 16. 1875. James B. Congdon

The report being more extended than usual, the meeting was much interested in the various subjects which were so minutely explained, bringing into view the numerous wants of this people. The recommendations contained in the report, are adopted, and the concern still resting upon us, we commit it again to the same committee for the ensuing year with the addition of Hannah J. Bailey, Sarah A. Holmes, Harriet B. Jones, Peace Jones, Martha E. Pratt, Sarah M. Richardson, S. Narcissa Jacob, and Gertrude W. Cartland; and they are authorized to draw upon the Treasurer of this meeting for $150, when the amount may be required.

Names of Committee. - Stephen Jones, John C. Lang, James B. Congdon, Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Timothy Hanson, George Richardson, Josiah Philbrick, Paul King, Augustine Jones, Edward Earle, Joseph Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey, Sarah A. Holmes, Harriet R. Jones, Peace Jones, Martha E. Pratt, Sarah M. Richardson, S. Narcissa Jacob and Gertrude W. Cartland.

57. The committee to audit and settle the treasurer's account and for other purposes submit their report as follows, viz.:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, to propose a sum to be raised for the ensuing year and to nominate a friend for treasurer and another for treasurer of the boarding school fund have attended to their appointment and report as follows:

Receipts

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| Cash balance on hand as per last year's report | $ 2526.63 |
| Rec^d from the several Quarterly Meetings | " 3500. |
| Interest on Boston City bonds | 600. |
| Dividend Eagle Bank, Providence | 50. |
| Interest on Rail Road bonds | 48. |
| For the sale of Books of Discipline | 31.50 |
| | $ 6756.13 |

Payments

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| Traveling expenses of Friends from the Eastern Quarterly Meetings, in attendance at Yearly Meeting | $ 436.00 |
| Sundry expenses at Newport 6th Mo. 1874 | 636.45 |
| Principal & interest, balance of note | 1067.63 |
| Associated Executive Indian Committee | 680.62 |
| Committee on Penobscot & Passamaquoddy Indians | 19.10 |
| Rent of hall for Boston meeting | 450. |
| Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting, expenses in visiting Friends in Nova Scotia & New Brunswick | 97.30 |
| Committee on temperance | 50. |
| Committee on First-day Schools | 38. |

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| Recording Minutes, Epistles, Memorial &c | $52,37 |
| Printing Minutes, Epistles &c. | 322,11 |
| Express, Postage &c. | 22.98 |
| Cash balance now on hand | 2814,75 |
| | $6756,13 |

The expenditures are all vouched for.

The Treasurer reports the present indebtedness of the Yearly Meeting in notes to be $15.061.89, all of which is on account of the boarding school.

We propose that the sum of thirty five hundred dollars be raised for the use of the meeting the ensuing year; that George Howland, Jr., be appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

For the committee

Newport, 6th Mo. 17th 1875. Owen Dame

Which is approved by this meeting, and George Howland is re-appointed our treasurer for the ensuing year; and our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to him their respective proportions of $3300, the sum proposed to be raised for the service of this meeting. Thomas Harkness is re-appointed treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

58. The committee to have printed 200 copies of the Boarding School report to be placed in the hands of the representatives to this meeting for early distribution to our Monthly Meetings, report the work has been accomplished

59. One of the correspondents of this meeting having died, and one other being greatly enfeebled by illness, we now add to the name of George Howland, Jr., Joseph Cartland, address Providence, Rhode Island, and Moses Bailey address Winthrop, Maine to be correspondents of this meeting until another appointment.

Peace

60. We appoint the following Friends to unite with a similar committee of the women's meeting in obtaining the signatures of the members of this Yearly Meeting to a petition on the subject of Peace, to be presented to our next Congress.

Names of committee, - Men - Isaac B. Macomber, Charles A. Chace, Arthur Parker, Francis H. Collins, James H. Earle George C. Herbert, Samuel C. Nichols, Abraham Huntington, John Frye Tucker, Henry A. Slocum, John A. Macomber, Micajah Gifford, Nathan F. Shepherd, Lewis M. Douglass, Silas H. Cartland, Henry Robinson, Charles C. Andrews, William C. Munroe, Amiel E. Phelps, Stephen A. Randall, George H. Pope, George W. Moulton, Cyrus Everett Jones, Albert C. Hill, Ira S. Jenkins, Charles F. Hussey, Joseph T. Richardson, Albert H. Pinkham, Isaac Winslow. - Women Mary H. Jones, Joanna Peck, Maria Buffinton, Mercy P. Babcock, Elsie Ann Chase, Mary J. Rogers, Rebecca P. Breed, Mary Hoag, Sarah F. Brown, Angelina Gidley, Hannah R. Gifford, Alice H. Slocum, Elizabeth C. Ewer, Esther Jones, Phebe R. Cartland, Elizabeth L. Nichols, Lydia Ann Cartland, Alice R. Cranston, Ella Clemons, Sarah J. Wheeler, Eliza A. Taber, Juliet Jones, Sarah J. Cole, Lydia C. Sawyer, Almira B. Buffum, Naomi P. Hoag, Hepsa B. Hoxie, Lucy C. Briggs and Elma Winslow

To the Senate and House of Representatives in Congreſs aſsembled

We, the undersigned, members of the Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends for New England, solemnly impreſsed with a sense of the cruel & unchristian character of all wars, respectfully and earnestly petition the Senate and House of Representatives, in Congress assembled, to enact such a law as shall make it the duty of the Government of the United States to negotiate with the governments of other nations for the establishment of an International Court of Arbitration, whereby all claims, differences and grievances arising between nations entering into the compact, shall be adjusted without appeal to the sword.

61, Essays of Epistles addreſsed to the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore,

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North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada an Kansas were read and approved, and the clerk is directed to revise and sign them on behalf of this meeting and forward them to those meetings respectively.

62. The clerk is directed to sign, on behalf of this meeting, the following minute for our Friend Daniel Barker and similar ones for Jeremiah A. Grinnell, Rachel Binford, Joseph Hobson, Mary S. Elliot, Edward C. Young, Sarah E. Jenkins Cornelius Douglas, John T. Pennington, Sarah Ann Linton, John Henry Douglas, Levi Ratliff, Robert Knight, John Newlin, John Y. Hoover, Mary S. Meader, Seneca Doane, William Wetherald, Seneca H. Stevens and Rufus P. King;

Our beloved Friend Daniel Barker attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

63. He is also directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for Daniel J. Barker, & similar ones for our Friends Amy P. Hobson, George W. Jenkins, Edward Ratcliff, Rebecca Ratcliff, Moses Gove, Lydia Gove, James Hawley, Joseph H. Miller, Rebecca T. [illegible] and Jane W. Ferris:

Our beloved Friend Amy P. Hobson attended this meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us.

64. The clerk is directed to make any necessary extracts from our minutes and sign them in behalf of this meeting

65. It is concluded to have 2100 copies of our minutes printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in the usual proportion, and William C. Taber is appointed to advise with the clerk in the accomplishment of this work

66. The important concerns of the church claiming our attention have been disposed of. Love & unity have been abundantly manifested, and we hav in great mercy witnessed during our several sittings the presence of the great Head of the churc to be in our midst; blessed forever be his holy nam

We now conclude, closely united in Christian love, proposing to meet again at this place at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

On behalf of the meeting
Charles E. [illegible]
Clerk

# Epistles

## From the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, Sixth month 1875.

### To London Yearly Meeting

Dear friends

Your epistle of 5th Mo. last was received during the sitting of our meeting and we were gratified and encouraged by the reading of it.

We have also rejoiced in recognizing the good hand of our bleſsed Lord in sending among us, at this time, an unusual number of his meſsengers of the gospel, from distant Yearly Meetings, whose earnest ministrations in love have watered our hearts and incited us to a more full dedication of our all to his service, and a greater diligence in whatever work we may be called unto.

The results witnessed from the General Meetings held within our limits during the past year, have been satisfactory. Additions have been made to our membership by convincement, and, what has not often occurred of latter time, there has been an increase in our numbers during the year. But the increased spiritual life which we have rejoiced to see in many of our meetings, is more encouraging than the increase of numbers, as we may hope that from this work of grace, greater results may be expected in days to come. May the Lord bless his work to the salvation of many souls both with us, and you.

Our care and interest in the welfare of the Indian tribes are continued. The pupils at the boarding School for the remnants of the Quapaw & Modoc bands at the Quapaw agency have, this winter,

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numbered from 70 to 80, and the necessity of furnishin suitable apparel, as well as board and tuition for so many children, has required great exertion on the part of the managers of the school. They are found to be docile, generally apt to learn, and submit to the unwonted restraints of our civilization much better than could have been expected.

The mission at Mount Lebanon in which we are engaged with our English friends has taken strong hold of the feelings of many of our members and they have contributed freely to its support. Our prayers are for those who are personally engaged in the work, that they may know the powe of him who sitteth upon the throne to preserve on every hand, and that the wicked one touch them not.

The cause of Temperance has many strenuous advocates among us, and Friends with very little exception conform to the requisition of our disciplin and use no alcoholic liquors as a beverage. The mis and degradation produced by intoxicating liquo has led to their entire abandonment by Friends as well as a large portion of our fellow citizens who fe that it is required of them to refrain from partaking themselves lest they should, by their example, encourage the dangerous practice of their familiar use.

The needs of our colored fellow citizens continue to claim our attention, although we have been less actively engaged in the work since our mission at Washington was discontinued. Arrangements ha however, been recently made, and approved by this meeting, with Friends of Indiana Yearly Meeting to join them in the support and management of the school for colored freedmen at Maryville, Tennessee.

Finally, brethren, we commend ourselves & you our dear friends on the other side of the Atlantic, to the care and guidance of the Holy Spirit of our God, greatly desiring that in all our undertakings for the benefit of his church and people, and for the incr of his kingdom in bringing souls unto Christ, we ma reverently and prayerfully look to our Father in heav for direction and help. "The Lord is our helper. From him cometh our salvation.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting
Charles R Tucker Clerk

Note. Our beloved friend Eli Jones, a minister approved by us, has been set at liberty to make a religious visit in the love of the gospel to Friends and others within the limits of the Yearly Meetings of London & Ireland, and other service, as way may open

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for Ireland

Dear friends

We are once more permitted to send you greetings of Christian love as we are again met here to transact the affairs of the church and humbly to adore God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Your loving epistle was freighted with joy to our hearts, bearing to us tidings of the increasing interest amongst you in the cause of our blessed Saviour. We heartily rejoice with you in the great revival of religious interest and evangelical Christianity which you are witnessing; and that the preached gospel of a Saviour's free grace, accompanied by the power of the Holy Spirit is recalling the lukewarm and drawing multitudes of lost wanderers to Jesus, the Lamb of God whose blood cleanseth from all sin.

Our branch of the militant church appears to be aroused to the fact that its true mission is to glorify God by bringing those dead in trespasses and sins to the Lord Jesus Christ, and earnest travail for the salvation of souls. We are gratified to learn from you, that the Lord's servants from this continent who have been with you, followed by the fervent prayers of the church in this land, have been abundantly blessed by the Lord of the harvest, and that their labor has not been in vain in the Lord.

We appreciate fully the reference you make to upholding certain of our Christian testimonies which to us are very precious. As many of our members

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are drawn by the love of Christ to cooperate with his church at large in the revival of his cause may we ever boldly maintain our views of the spirituality of true worship of the freedom of the gospel ministry, and in regard to the one only regenerating and saving baptism, that of the Holy Ghost and of fire, as well as our belief that no outward symbol of communion will satisfy the heart that pants for intimate personal relation with Christ as an abiding, keeping Savior, the true bread which cometh down from heaven.

We gratefully note your testimony as to the bleſsings which have crowned the General Meetings in your island; that owned of God in answer to earnest union of prayer, many precious souls have been led to the Lord Jesus and proved, to the glory of God the Father, that help is laid upon One that is mighty to save to the uttermost, all who come unto God by him.

Your reference to your efforts in the cause of Temperance is truly cheering to us. May it move us to redoubled activity against this monster evil, rescue its victims, raise them to a higher moral and social position, and in fulfilment of the true miſsion of the church of Christ, lead them to Jesus, the sinner's sure refuge, the eternal Rock of ages.

We note with pleasure the information you send us of your Foreign Miſsion work, and the increase of interest in that cause. Our meeting this week has had a special meeting in regard to this work at large and the Syrian miſsion in particular. The mandate of our dear Redeemer, "Go ye into all the world & preach the gospel to every creature" was the commission with which our early Friends went forth, bearing to distant lands & beyond the ocean, the glad tidings of Jesus, the sinners Friend.

We regard the increased interest of the Society of Friends in foreign & home miſsions as a signal proof of the revival of spiritual life.

The Lord is again imbuing us with sanctified zeal & the earnestness of our forefathers; and the language of the Spirit, to-day, to the church is, "Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee"

Our meeting has been crowned with the presence of the great Head of the church. Many gifted ministers of the gospel have been with us.

We have been animated in the belief that the Lord is indeed remembering Zion & that "the time to favor her, yea, the set time has come." Cheered with this assurance, we entrust to him the cause in which we are colaborers; and commend you & ourselves to the safe keeping of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, and in him, bid you affectionately and tenderly, farewell.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting
Charles R. Tucker
Clerk

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To New York Yearly Meeting of Friends
Dear friends

Having been permitted, through the mercy of God, again to assemble in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, at the time and place, where we have been accustomed to meet for the past two centuries, we would salute you in the love of the gospel, and express to you our undiminished confidence in the gracious promises our Lord has given to Israel in all ages of the world, of his protection and preservation.

Your acceptable letter of this year, has been received and read to our edification and comfort, and we can truly say that these messages of love and tokens of fellowship received from beloved friends in different parts of the world are a strength and encouragement to us, binding us together as brethren beloved, of one household of faith.

We have, at this time, with us, many gospel ambassadors from other Yearly Meetings, whom

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our heavenly Father has sent among us, that the flock of Christ in this part of the land, may not only be watered and refreshed, and the wor of truth rightly divided to the church, but that many souls, through their baptizing ministry may be gathered into the fold of Christ.

You will no doubt rejoice to hear that many of our members are, evidently deepening in the truth, growing in grace and in a knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and thus becoming sanctified and qualified for the work and service to which their Lord & Master may call them who rejoiceth in the faithful labors of his devoted children.

The committee having charge of our Boarding School have been enabled to make a very interesting and favorable report. It represents that institution as being in a more flourishing condition than it has ever previously reached. The religious & moral atmosphere is also exceedingly interesting and encouraging.

Our mission in Syria which you s kindly notice is progressing favorably, and we ar encouraged to believe that many children in that land of darkness, will, through this agency, recei a training suitable to make them useful member of Society and lead them into the green pastures of life, who, otherwise would grow up in ignoran and vice, and die without the knowledge of a Sav

As to the condition of the different tribes of Indians which has claimed our attention as well as yours, for many years, we still continue to feel much interest; an the prayer of our heart is, that we may be instrume in the hand of the Most High, in bringing many of this neglected race from a state of degradation & misery into the light, liberty & love of the gospel of Peace.

And now, commending you to the care & guidance of hi who has declared himself "able to do abundantly more th we ask or think", and with the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren

Signed on behalf & by direction of the meeting.

Charles R Tucker
Clerk

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting

Dear friends

We have been encouraged and strengthened by the greetings of Christian affection and interest which we have received from you and from our brethren of of the other Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence. When convened for the work of the church seeking for guidance in our efforts to learn our duty and strength to perform it we find in the words of cheer that come to us from our fellow-workers in the vineyard of the Lord encouragement and hope.

Recognizing the great work of the church to be the salvation of Souls, we have endeavored to give this fundamental truth the highest place in our hearts and in our work. In this effort we have been greatly assisted by the labors of those who, as heralds of salvation and preachers of the word have been with us from the various parts of our widely extended field of labor in this country. Jesus Christ and him crucified and glorified has been preached in all his fulness. The Spirit of the Lord has been with us and has blessed the ministrations of his servants.

With this high and holy standard as the directing influence of the meeting, we have been enabled to transact our business in harmony, and as we believe in accordance with the design of the great Head of the church in giving us a field to occupy for the salvation of sinners, and for the promotion of the cause of righteousness in the earth.

It gives us much satisfaction to be able to state that our Boarding School at Providence has not only sustained its high reputation as an institution prepared to impart a varied and elevated literary and scientific culture, but that it has become in a marked manner the recipient of those teachings of the Holy Spirit which make wise unto salvation. When there is such a union the great end is attained for which our educational institutions are established and supported

The accounts from the Syrian mission are encouraging; and we propose, in connection with our English fellow-laborers, to continue the work

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under a belief that it has the sanction and will
continue to receive the blessing of him who has told
us, that, as Christian laborers, our "field is the worl

The various departments of benevolent & Christian
effort which have for several years claimed our
attention have again been before us. We have s
disposed of them as will, as we hope and believe,
secure for them the earnest efforts of our members
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,
Farewell.

Signed on behalf & by direction of the meeting
Charles R. Tucker
Clerk

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting

Dear friends

Gathered, as we humbly and sweetly
trust, in the ordering and according to the will of
our divine Head, our hearts rise in gratitude to o
heavenly Father for the watchful care which has
attended us through the past year, for outward blessi
far more than we deserve, but above all for the way of
salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. "Thanks be
unto God for his unspeakable gift".

Your letter of greeting, as well as those from other
Yearly Meetings are not only an assurance of the lo
and regard of distant brethren, but that these have
their root in that fellowship which we have in Chri
our holy Head.

The condition of our society while shown by the
answers to our Queries to be by no means up to the
high standard of our profession, is such as to encou
age us to believe that "as God was with our fathers
so he continues to be with us". It is manifest
that a spirit of religious inquiry is abroad among
our young people to be specially observed in our
Boarding School at Providence, never more valuab
than at the present time. The increasing dema
for Christian work in our densely populated sect
of the country causes us to view with solicitude the
training of our children who are to take our places,

if, happily, they may be qualified for service in the cause of our common Lord. In this concern we feel that we shall have your sympathy surrounded as you are by those who for generations have been neglected & oppressed.

We have had in attendance of this meeting an unusually large number of ministers from other Yearly Meetings whose company and labors have been helpful to us.

Our interest in the Indian tribes and in mission work in foreign lands continues unabated. In the accounts we have received of the labors of those who represent us in these fields, we are encouraged to believe that the cause of our Master is prospering in their hands. It is a blessed encouragement for all who feel drawn to service for our Lord that he who puts them forth also prepares the way before them, and the Witness for truth in the hearts of those who deliver the gospel message is answered by the same Witness in the hearts of the hearers.

Brethren, farewell: be of good cheer. Let us mind our calling, trusting that He who has given us our little service will care for his people, & overrule for us all our changes. "Now, to him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty dominion and power both now and ever." Farewell

Signed on behalf & by direction of the meeting

Charles F. Tucker

Clerk

To Ohio Yearly Meeting

Dear friends

Your acceptable epistle of last year was gladly received, and we respond to the sentiment expressed, "that our Father in heaven has indeed showered his blessings upon us. He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle and herb for the service of man, that he may bring forth food out of the earth." He has [illegible] his glory in the brightness of the morning and in the

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splendor of the setting sun." The heavens declare the glory of the Lord and the firmament showeth his handy work." And O, blessed thought, he "so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" For this is the record that God hath given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." With a heart filled with the love of God the royal Psalmist exclaims, "Return unto thy re O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling" "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay m vows unto the Lord, now, in the presence of all hi people". "My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee, and my soul which thou hast redeem

Many of the Lord's messengers are with us at this tim and the gospel trumpet has given a certain sound proclaiming a full and free salvation through repentance toward God and faith in our Lord, an Savior Jesus Christ. And we were admonished to ask ourselves, Hast thou received the Holy Ghost since thou believed? Dear friends, we all need the baptis of the Holy Spirit; and may the language of our hearts ever be

"Come, Holy Spirit heavenly dove
With all thy quickening powers,
Come shed abroad a Savior's love
And that shall quicken ours."

A glad joyous feeling pervades our hearts, that the era now dawning upon our branch of the Lord's church will be the brightest that it has ever known.

Many hearts are filled with the love of the Savior and ready to enlist for Christian work under the glorious banner of the cross. May Zion arise and, shaking herself from the dust of the earth, come up in a glorious line of battle against the powers of death and darkness and take her proper place in the army of the Lamb, "fair as the moon, clear as the sun."

All our standing committees made encouraging and interesting reports; and the church seems to be entering upon her work in increased earnestness.

"Now, unto him who is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen". Brethren, farewell. May God speed you in every good word & work

(Signed) on behalf & by direction of the meeting

Charles [illegible]
Clerk

## To Indiana Yearly Meeting

Dear friends

Your very acceptable epistle of last year with similar ones from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond was received and read at this time to our comfort and satisfaction. The token of brotherly love, and the kindly interest in and for each other manifested by these annual salutations, tend to bind us together, and encourage us to continue to place our confidence in our Father in heaven who cares equally for all the children of his flock and family.

We have been favored, at this time, with the company of many beloved friends from other Yearly Meetings whose labors amongst us, we trust, will not be in vain, but will result in bringing souls to Christ, and in spreading the Redeemer's kingdom on the earth.

Our meeting is about as large as usual, and while we miss from our gathering many whose faces we have been accustomed to look upon from year to year, we are gratified to observe that their places are, to a considerable degree, filled by our younger members, who, by their serious deportment and lively interest in the affairs of the church give encouragement that, under the forming hand of

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the Lord, they are being prepared to come up to his he against the mighty, and are not afraid or asham to show on whose side they are.

The reports of committees having charge of the various concerns of this meeting have been very satisfactory; and have encouraged us in the belief that the work in which we are engaged is owned of the Lord, and if rightly proceeded in, will be blessed both to us and to those for whom we labor.

In your epistle, reference is made particula to the great interest and satisfaction which you fe in our establishment, in connection with English Friends, of a mission in Syria. We have succeede in this work beyond our utmost expectations, an can but feel, although we entered upon the conce in weakness and uncertainty, that, so far, what has been done has produced fruit far beyond what we could reasonably anticipate. Let all the prai be given to him "who will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth"

The report of the committee in charge of our Boarding School represents that institution in a ver flourishing condition; and Friends were encourag to do all in their power to promote and sustain it in its extended sphere of usefulness; the high religious and moral tone of the school family, as also the degree of culture which it has attained as brought to view by the report and by the remar of those who have visited it were very satisfactory

The business brought before us has been conducte in a spirit of much love and condescension, and has resulted in strengthening us in the bonds of peac

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the meeting

Charles R Tucker
Clerk

To Western Yearly Meeting
Dear Friends

We acknowledge with thankfulness to

our heavenly Father, his goodness, in permitting us again to meet in this our annual assembly, to transact the affairs of the church. His presence and power have been with us during the several sittings of this meeting. Our hearts have been comforted by the baptizing ministry of those whom the Lord has sent among us who have not only preached Christ as our Shepherd, but that we have redemption through his blood. Earnestly have we been entreated to consecrate all to the Lord that we might receive the rest and peace which he has promised.

Your acceptable epistle of ninth month last has been received, and one from each of the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. During the reading of these salutations, a very sweet feeling of love was spread over us towards our distant friends. We desire this may continue, and that the prayer of the Savior may be more fully realized, "As thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us"

From the report of our committee on the Boarding School, at Providence, and from other information presented to the meeting, it appears that the blessing of the Lord has been continued to that institution during the past year that there is not only literary progress but an increasing religious interest among the pupils

The subject of foreign missions still claims our attention and the work has received not only our warm sympathy but contributions for its support.

While receiving in all its fulness the testimony of Jesus "the field is the world" we unite with you in the prayer that more laborers may be sent into this vineyard. From the accounts presented it appears that many who have been engaged in this service have been removed by death; and we trust their mantles have fallen upon those who will declare the unsearchable riches of Christ in all their beauty.

The number requesting admission into our Society has been greater than in former years. May the good Shepherd continue his work through the various instrumentalities which he is employing is our united prayer.

Finally, brethren, farewell. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ & the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Signed on behalf & by direction of the meeting.

Charles R. Hacker Clerk

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To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

Once more have we been permitted to meet together and, we humbly trust, in Christian love and fellowship, for the important purpose of transacting the affairs of the church; and as we listen to the reports coming up to us of the fathers and mothers in our Israel who are passing away, how forcibly are we reminded of the injunction, "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh"

The salutations of love received from our brethren in the faith, not only in our own country, but across the sea have cheered and encouraged us; tending as we fervently hope, to bind us together in a bond never to be broken."

We salute, as brethren beloved, the Lord's messengers whose feet have been directed towards us at this time from various parts of our land preaching the unsearchable "riches of Christ," to the strengthening and the "building up one another in the most holy faith".

We have cause to rejoice in the many evidences of an awakening to the all-important subject of the soul's salvation, both at home and abroad:- that many are being brought out from the prison house of bondage and sin into "the glorious liberty of the Sons of God". May this blessed work go on, increasing until "the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea"

The condition of the various tribes of Indians west of the Mississippi has claimed our consideration at this time with living desire that the cruelty and injustice to which they have been so long subjected, may be brought to a speedy termination; and that they, equally the objects of redeeming love may become, with us, the followers of him who died that we might live. The Syrian mission has been brought to our consideration with increased interest, at this time, and we can rejoice in the many evidences that the work is owned of the Lord; that many will yet be born into his kingdom through this instrumentality, and that the name of Jesus which is above every other name will yet be exalted in that land.

The sad & desolating effects of intemperance have again been brought before this meeting, and a deep exercise of feeling manifested, with many prayers to the throne of grace, that God in his infinite love and mercy would interpose his own right arm of power to stay this potent evil, so fearful in its present aspects, so threatening in the future.

And, now, brethren, with fervent desires and prayers for your welfare and growth in the ever bleſsed truth, in that Gospel love which neither time nor space can diminish, we bid you farewell

Signed on behalf and by direction of the meeting
Charles R Tucker
Clerk

## To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

Being again aſsembled as a Yearly Meeting, and privileged with tokens of continued love and regard from our distant brethren, we are afresh reminded of the value of this intercourse, and renewedly feel the aſsurance that we are of the same household of faith.

We have thankfully to acknowledge the goodness of our heavenly Father, in spreading over us, from time to time, the canopy of his love; for which favor our hearts are humbled before him, and our desires are raised unto him, that, unworthy as we are, we may ever be found at the feet of our living Savior, and witness his protecting care and guiding hand. In the midst of weakness & infirmities, we are reminded, that he without whom not a sparrow falls to the ground, is ever mindful of his dependent, trusting ones, and able abundantly to supply all their needs through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Committees having in charge the various & important concerns of this meeting the past year, have presented encouraging reports, and we desire to be at our posts and ready to embrace every right opening for the aid of our fellow man; trusting that the bleſsing of the crucified Redeemer of his people will rest on those who labor in his cause, in accordance with his will.

We are impreſsed with the belief that the influence of General Meetings in various localities within our

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limits, has been highly beneficial to individuals and to the church. Sinners have been converted through their instrumentality, small and declining meetings have revived and increased in numbers, and a renewed baptism of the Holy Spirit has been witnessed by believers. We thankfully acknowledge the favor, and have again set apart a committee for the work.

The progress during the past year, of the Christian work which, in connection with English Friends has been undertaken in Syria on Mt. Lebanon, has been highly encouraging to us. The Divine blessing has evidently attended the labors of our devoted missionaries in that benighted land.

Not only for ourselves and you, but for our brethren everywhere, do we desire the Lord's preserving, keeping power, and that his choice blessings may descend on all his children like the gently distilling dew on the tender grass. We cordially reciprocate the language addressed by you to us, "Brethren, pray for us."

With the salutation of love we bid you farewell, and are your friends.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the meeting
[illegible]
Clerk

## To Kansas Yearly Meeting

Dear friends

Thanks be unto God for the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord was the ascription of many hearts as we gathered in our annual assembly. Jesus Christ is the foundation, the Rock of Ages on which the structure of church organization must be founded, and through him in grateful love should all service in the church be performed. In this love, we send you our brotherly salutation.

Your welcome epistle of last year has been read among us, and we afresh realize the value of this interchange of feeling.

Dedicated servants of the Lord, from other Yearly Meetings, have been in attendance of this meeting who have been qualified to declare the way of life

and salvation through a crucified and risen Saviour.
Our hearts have been comforted and strengthened, & we accept with thankfulness, this blessing as a token for good. Reports in the various departments of Christian work, have been brought before us, and while we find that the labor is increasing upon us, we acknowledge with thankfulness that the Lord has blessed the work of our hands, and enabled us to perform it in a good degree as unto him.

A number of General Meetings have been held within our limits during the past year. This instrumentality has been blessed to us; sinners have been brought to Christ, and have experienced pardon for sin. Meetings have increased in numbers and greater spiritual life has been felt in them.
We acknowledge that it is of the Lord.

The Syrian mission which in connection with English Friends has been sustained upon Mount Lebanon, during the past year, continues to claim our sympathy and fostering care.
The religious interest is spreading in that land and we feel renewedly encouraged to labor in the good work.

We have felt sympathy for you as well as for many others, in your section of the country, on account of the destruction of your staple crops last year. It is a blessed experience to feel that in the dispensations of an all-wise Providence, the servants of Christ may rely safely upon his keeping power; and that every trial is dispensed in love and mercy by him who has promised to cause the Shower to come down in its season, to call for the corn & increase it, to make the places round about his hill a blessing. May he keep you from the destroyer.
In the transaction of the various concerns which have come before us, a good degree of harmony has prevailed, & we have been preserved in love one to another. We commend you, with ourselves, to the Shepherd of Israel who leadeth his flock in safety and peace.
Brethren, be of good cheer; farewell.
Signed on behalf of the meeting
Charles L. Tucker Clerk

Minutes, 1876.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island, commencing at Newport on [illegible] day, the 10th of the sixth month 1876.

By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings we are informed that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting, viz.: from

Rhode Island, - George Anthony, Thomas [illegible],
Joseph Cartland, James Dennis, [illegible]
Slade, Albert K. Smiley, Charles H. Earle,
Obadiah Chase, Abel F. Collins, Samuel
Austin, William H. Perry, Benjamin
[illegible], Jacob Mott,

Salem - John Page, Benjamin C. Jones, William F.
Wiring, Moses F. Rogers, Thomas Folsom,
Owen Dame, Daniel Bede, Wm C. Newhall,
Moses Sawyer, Alvin Hoag, Abraham J.
Huntington.

Sandwich - David K. Akin, George Howland, J[illegible]
Edward W. Howland, Jonathan [illegible]
Isaac R. Gifford, John F. Tucker, [illegible]
Gifford, John S. Macomber, David Kelley
[illegible] [illegible] Henry T. Wood, William
C. Baker, Peleg Brown.

Falmouth - Jonathan Winslow, George [illegible]
Augustus F. Cox, Timothy Hanson, [illegible]
Jones, [illegible]

Smithfield - Thomas Gove, Timothy H. Earle,
Abel C. Munroe, Richard Battey, [illegible]
Gove, Edward Earle.

Vassalboro. - Eli Jones, Ebenezer Frye, Jonathan
Estes, Hartwell S. Jenkins, Harrison
Jones, George H. Frye, Stephen Jones, John D.
Frye, J. William Jacob, John Frye, [illegible]
S. Varney.

Dover - Jacob H. Quinton, Timothy B. [illegible], [illegible]
Eli Paige, Samuel Buffum, Russell Hoag,
[illegible] Pratt, William B. [illegible]

[illegible]

George Richardson, Truman C. Jones, Isaac Farr, [illegible]

On calling their names, they were present except eleven. For the absence of five, reasons were assigned.

Our beloved friend Stanley Pumphrey, of London Yearly Meeting, is acceptably present [illegible] from Worcester & Shropshire Monthly Meeting held in the 4th mo. 1875, Western Quarterly Meeting held at Worcester, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London in the 5th mo. 1875; all of which were read, and are accredited by this meeting.

We have also in the attendance of this meeting beloved friends from our American Yearly Meetings, viz: Rebecca Collins, Stephen [illegible], and Emily E. Drake from New York Yearly Meeting; Rachel Bernard, Fernando G. Cartland of North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Daniel Hill, James R. Douglas, David Douglas, Hannah Bond and John S. Pennington of Indiana Yearly Meeting; Jeremiah H. Clark, Nathan H. Clark and Barnabas C. Hobbs of Western Yearly Meeting; William Wetherald of Canada Yearly Meeting. They produced credentials from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their religious engagements.

[illegible] panies Rebecca Collins is acceptably in the attendance of this meeting, with a minute of concurrence from New York Monthly Meeting.

We have received & read truly acceptable epistles from our Friends of the Yearly Meetings of London, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas.

These communications of brotherly love from our [illegible] of the other Yearly Meetings have been [illegible] to our remembrance, and [illegible] in the love of the gospel; and we appoint the following named friends to prepare essays of [illegible] 76.

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whose epistles of the present year [illegible] yet
[illegible]
sittings, viz.: Henry T. Wood, John Paige, [illegible]
Jones, Sewell Hoxie, Eli Jones, [illegible] B. [illegible]
James E. [illegible], J. William Jacob, Joseph Cartland,
Thomas B. Buffum, Edward H. Cartland, Samuel
F. Buffinton, Josiah [illegible], Jr., Isaac Steere,
Isaac Warren Hawkes, Joseph H. Pratt, [illegible]
H. Jones, Stephen Swett, Joseph E. Macomber,
Benjamin [illegible] Jones, William [illegible], [illegible]
Batty, Henry Winslow, Ephraim Girard, [illegible]
B. Smiley, Augustine Jones, William Thompson,
John D. Steere, Samuel Buffum, George [illegible],
John D. [illegible], [illegible], Samuel [illegible],
John D. Macomber, [illegible] Coleman, Jonathan E. [illegible]
Edward E. Tucker, Owen Dame, Charles F. Coffin,
Edward [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible].

Communications were presented, belonging from the [illegible] and [illegible] Methodist Episcopal Societies and also from the Second Advent Society, offering their places of worship for Friends to occupy a portion of First day in the holding of religious meetings; which is a continued evidence of Christian love from these societies to Friends, and the subject is referred for further consideration and arrangement, to John T. [illegible], Eli Jones, George [illegible], J. William Jacob and Richard Batty, to unite with a similar committee of women Friends in making such arrangements for holding religious meetings during the time of this Yearly Meeting as may seem open for in the Truth and also to propose to [illegible] [illegible] who are under appointment in the service of meeting.

The Clerk is directed to furnish those Societies with copies of the above minutes, so far as relates to each respectively.

Adjourned [illegible]
[illegible] afternoon.

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John Paige on behalf of the representatives, proposed Charles R. Tucker for clerk and William O. Newhall and Henry T. Wood for assistant clerks, which propositions being separately considered were united with; they are appointed to those stations for the present year.

[illegible] paid, or directed to be paid, the quota of Stock called for last year.

We appoint Benjamin Buffum, Owen Dame, John F. Tucker, George Douglas, James C. Arnold, [illegible] Pope, Samuel Buffum, [illegible] T. [illegible] to audit & settle the Treasurer's account to the present date, to propose a sum to be raised sufficient to defray the expenses of the meeting for the ensuing year, the name of a Friend for Treasurer and also the name of a Friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, & report to a [illegible].

The following Friends viz; Joseph Cartland, [illegible] A. Osborne, George Howland, Jr., Samuel [illegible] [illegible] H. [illegible], Jonathan Estes, Ira T. Jenkins & Isaac [illegible] are appointed to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries [illegible]

## Boarding School at Providence

The Boarding School Committee have presented their report for the past year, which is as follows, viz;

To the Yearly Meeting;

The Committee to have the charge and oversight of the Boarding School at Providence report that they have given attention to their appointment.

The School has been satisfactorily conducted, & has, we believe, as in previous years, fully maintained its standing & usefulness. The religious tone which has been a marked element in the character of those connected with the school, & which has given so much satisfaction to the committee for the past few years, is still continued [illegible] of the scholars is in the highest degree encouraging.

The practice pursued in former years of appointing sub-committees for the more immediate care of the [illegible] and families during the intervals between the meetings of the general committee has been kept up. Their reports of the recitations, of the general conduct of the pupils and of the harmony and good feeling existing between all the members of the family have been very acceptable to us. The report of the sub-committee made in the 3rd month, this year, says, "A number of the meetings of First and Fourth days have been attended by one or more of the committee & they are gratified in being able to report an increasing interest among the pupils in religious things; some of them giving marked evidence of a change of heart as the result of special visits on the part of their teachers and [illegible]; the [illegible]."

The attendance upon the school was, for the Winter term, 121 boys and 50 girls; for the Spring term 112 boys and 78 girls; of which during the year 112 were members of our Society. Ninety six of these were members of our own Yearly Meeting and sixteen were from other Yearly Meetings. The proportion from our own Yearly Meeting is larger than for some time past.

At the time of making the report last year, the school was indebted to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting in the sum of $15.552,59. In 10th month last the amount due from the City of Providence for land taken for widening Hope Street & in opening Lloyd Avenue from Hope Street to Arlington Avenue was paid. The sum received $21.000$\frac{57}{100}$. The committee was thus enabled to discharge the above-named indebtedness, to pay the sums lent on account of expenses incurred the previous year in building the fence around the premises, & also to pay for curbing laid by the city on the line of Hope street, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, subject to the direction of the School Committee, of $4.511$\frac{72}{100}$.

By a statement from the Treasurer of the School Fund, it appears the income & payments in that fund have been as follows:

On General Fund

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| Balance on hand last year | $105.61 |
| Income from the Fund | 7091.57 |
| Return premium of insurance | 156.75 |
| Rec'd from city of Providence for land taken for streets | 25.999,52 |
| | $33.353,45 |

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| Paid insurance premiums | $512,50 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Paid A. Jones, Principal, for receipts | 6529,00 |
| Balance on hand | 40,55 |
| | $33.353,45 |

Charitable School Fund

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| Balance on hand last year | $910.39 |
| Income from the Fund | 2407.31 |
| | 3317.70 |

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| Paid school bills | $2350.00 |
| Balance on hand | 967.70 |
| | $3317.70 |

The expenses of the school for the current year, as near as they can be ascertained at the present time, are as follows;

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| [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Paid for wages | 5593,78 |
| " for provisions | 14015,35 |
| " " fuel & lights | 3376,55 |
| Paid " repairs, annual | 4410,92 |
| " " incidentals | 515,05 |
| | $41.926,98 |

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| The income for board & tuition was. | $36.147,38 |
| Income from fund | 6.829,60 |
| | $42.976,98 |
| Expenses | 41.926,98 |
| Balance or profits | $1.050,00 |

At a meeting of the committee held 5th month 30th we were informed that by a recent law of the State of Rhode Island the property belonging to the Yearly Meeting in

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which the school buildings are located is liable to taxation. [illegible] recommended, in order to increase our income to meet this additional expense, as well as to add to our School Fund, that the School Committee be authorized to take legal measures to enable them to sell such portion of the premises not already directed to be sold, as may be advisable and for the best interests of the Institution.

For the information of the Board, [illegible] we would state that in consequence of the raising grade of Sixth Street, (this is the deepest part of the cut 11 feet) the Institution may be subjected to a considerable expense in grading the embankment made necessary in such grading and in walling the same; and also the cost of curbing at the line of said street, a large portion of the [illegible] now on hand may be absorbed.

The following list comprises the names of the officers, teachers for the past year

Aaron B. Ivins, Principal
Daniel G. [illegible], Second teacher English branches
Alonzo Williams, teacher of Greek, Latin & German
John M. Potter, teacher of Mathematics
Francis B. Gummere, teacher of English branches
[illegible] Dean, Assistant " " "
Rebecca [illegible], Principal female department
[illegible] A. King, Second teacher Grammar & Arithmetic
Martha G. Reed " of Mathematics
Sarah Anna [illegible], teacher of English branches
[illegible] " " "
Susan [illegible] " " Drawing & Painting

The health of the school during the past year has been generally good, although a few cases of sickness were reported among the pupils, two of which, we are gratified in being able to state have recovered, and in neither of the instances [illegible] place in the school.

Meetings for religious worship have been held at the School

as previously on First and Fourth days at Meeting
&c. These meetings have frequently been attended
by members of the committee, and have been both
interesting & satisfactory.
The afternoon of the First day of the week has been occu-
pied, as heretofore, with Scripture lessons, in which the
whole School is engaged.
It is proposed that the charges for Board & tuition for the
[illegible]

For members of our Yearly Meeting, $100 per annum
For members of other Yearly Meetings
[illegible]
of our religious Society, or for scholars sent
at the expense of such  $120. per annum
For all others who may be admitted  $300  " "
One half payable at the commencement of the year
and one half at the opening after recess,
An additional charge of ten dollars each to be made
for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French,
German, or Drawing

On behalf and by direction of the committee
George [illegible], Jr., Clerk

Providence 5th Mo. 30, 1876.

Note.

The Autumn term begins 9th Mo. 6th 1876, & closes 1st Mo. 24th, 1877
" [illegible]
" Spring Term " 2nd " 7th '77  6th " 25th "

Applications for admission to the School should be made
seasonably for the meeting of the committee in the 1st & 5th Mo.
each. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have
precedence of all others to that date; after which applications
will be acted upon in the order in which they are received.
[illegible]
apply at the time specified. In all cases of application to the
Board, full answers will be required to a series of questions
which will be furnished to the clerks of the several Monthly
Meetings, on whom the applicants will please call for such
questions. All applications should be sent to the Principal.
Address, Albert K. Smiley, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

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"To Friends of the Monthly & Preparative Meetings of
New England Yearly Meeting:

At the meeting of the School committee 5th mo. 30th 1876, the following series of questions to be answered by the applicants for the benefit of the Charitable Fund was adopted, and the clerk was directed to cause them to be printed & forwarded to the clerks of the Monthly Meetings, for distributi

1. Name? , 2d Age? , 3d Name of Parents or Guard
4. Address of Parents or Guardian?
5. Monthly Meeting of Parents or " ?
6. Pecuniary circumstances of the family, number of children & opportunities for education at home?
7. Moral character of applicant?
In the case of boys, state particularly whether or not they are addicted to profane language, or to the use of tobacco?
8. What studies were pursued in the last school attended by applicant? What progress made in each?
9. Is it his or her purpose to teach?

To which questions full & explicit answers will be required from a responsible party, in order that the committee may be able to [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Thomas B. [illegible] in time for the meeting of the committee in [illegible]

[illegible] —

[illegible] and the recommendations which it contains are adopted by this meeting; and the committee appointed last year are now re-appointed on that service for the ensuing year with the addition of Thomas B. [illegible] in place of Samuel H. [illegible], deceased; and this meeting now authorizes & empowers the said School committee, acting in its name, to make sale of such portion of the school premises & at such prices as they may consider it, as in their judgment will best promote the interest of that institution; and to obtain legal authority from the Supreme Court of Rhode Island, to sell, convey and dispose of all of said lands, or any part thereof.

This meeting last year having authorized & empowe the said committee to make sales of such portions of the "Thomas & Haines land", so called, at such times & for such sums of money as in their judgment [illegible] promote the interest of the school, [illegible] we now again authorize and empower the said Committee, acting in its behalf, to carry out and accomplish what was intended last year; giving [illegible] Howland, Jr., the Treasurer of this Yearly Meeting, or his successor in that office, [illegible] power & authority to make and execute good and sufficient deeds of conveyance and sign the same on behalf of this meeting, adopting his seal as the corporate seal of this meeting of any portion of the estate belonging to and known as the School premises, when the said School Committee shall request him to do so. The said committee are further directed, when any money is so received, after paying any demands ^existing against the school, including taxes, if it becomes necessary, and for any needed settlements or improvements, to hold the balance subject to the direction of the Yearly Meeting.

The committee is requested to furnish all our Monthly Meetings with an ample number of [illegible] and [illegible] the contents thereof.

[illegible] Committee,

Benjamin Buffum, Charles R. Coffin, [illegible], Edward Earle, Augustus Allen, [illegible] D. [illegible], [illegible] B. Gates, [illegible], [illegible] Brown, [illegible], [illegible], William C. [illegible], [illegible] H. [illegible], [illegible], Samuel F. Smith, Thomas J. [illegible], Ellen H. Buffum, [illegible] Coffin, [illegible] B. [illegible], [illegible], Ann B. Earle, Margaret B. Gates, [illegible] H. [illegible], Hannah [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] C. [illegible], Ann H. [illegible], Lydia Haight, Sylvia B. Howland, Phebe S. Gifford, Hannah B. Sawyer and Elizabeth H. [illegible]."

Adjourned to 10 o'clock on 7th day Morning, the 12th instant.

Seventh Day, Morning, 6th month 12th. The meeting again convened. The following changes have [illegible] since last year; viz.:

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[illegible] Quarter reports that [illegible] [illegible]. Pinkham, [illegible] elder, and member of [illegible] Monthly Meeting, [illegible] to [illegible] Monthly Meeting, [illegible] [illegible] Meeting; [illegible] B. [illegible] an elder and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died [illegible] month 3d, 1876, aged 70 years 11 months and 8 days. This meeting has united with [illegible] Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Daniel [illegible] to the station of elder.

Sandwich Quarter informs that [illegible] [illegible], a minister and member of [illegible] Monthly Meeting, died at [illegible] [illegible] 6th month 2d 1876, aged 89 years, 5 months & 25 days. This information was accidentally omitted at the time of his decease.

[illegible] F. [illegible], an elder, and member of [illegible] [illegible] Monthly Meeting, deceased 12th month 13. 1875 aged 65 years, 10 months and one day.

[illegible] united with [illegible] Monthly Meeting in withdrawing from [illegible] [illegible]

Falmouth Quarter informs that Stephen [illegible], an elder, and member of Durham Monthly Meeting died 3d month 25th 1876 aged 77 years 3 mo. 25 days; Sarah D. [illegible], an elder & member of [illegible] Monthly Meeting died 2 mo. 24th 1876, aged 79 [illegible] 16 days; Juliaett [illegible], an elder & member of [illegible] Monthly Meeting died 5th month 4th, 1876 aged 5[illegible] [illegible] 5 months. This meeting has united with [illegible] Monthly Meeting in appointing [illegible] [illegible] to the station of elder.

Smithfield Quarter reports that it has united with [illegible] Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift [illegible] the public ministry of [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] and member of [illegible] Monthly Meeting, died 5th month 25th 1876, aged [illegible] years.

Dover Quarter informs that Walter [illegible], an elder and member of Dover Monthly Meeting, died 2 mo. [illegible] 1876, aged 91 years, 3 months; [illegible] P. [illegible], an elder, and member of [illegible] Monthly Meeting [illegible]

[illegible] Quarter reports that Susan Thornton, an elder, and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, died 11th month 5th 1873, aged [illegible] years, 4 months, 3 days. Samuel Taylor, a minister & member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 11th mo. 9th 1873, aged [illegible] years, 9 months, one day. This meeting has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah [illegible], Erastus B. [illegible], [illegible] Paul Thomas, Hannah R. Thomas, Silas [illegible], [illegible] A. Heald and Josiah Hagan to the station of elder; and in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Hannah Ann Hamilton. This meeting has also united with [illegible] Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift & approving the public ministry of Isaac [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible], and in the appointment of [illegible] Hamilton, [illegible] Myers and [illegible] Colbert to the station of elder. It has also united with [illegible] Monthly Meeting in the appointment of [illegible] to the station of elder.—

[illegible]

[illegible] acceptance to the attendance of this meeting. A certificate from Spiceland Monthly Meeting, Indiana, liberating her in the service, has been read.

We appoint Joel Dean, Charles Tatum & Timothy B. Hussey to embrace in a minute the religious exercises of this meeting during the time spent in reading the Answers to the Queries from our Quarterly Meetings.

[illegible] the meeting proceeded to consider the state of Society as [illegible], in reading the answers to the Queries, from the Quarterly Meetings; and having proceeded as far as the 1st & 2d [illegible] with the [illegible], the meeting was adjourned to 4 o'clock P.M., when Friends again assembled & finished reading the remaining Queries & answers. During this weighty engagement, Friends were deeply exercised that the many deficiencies reported may

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to remind. Peace was owned and [illegible] counsel was handed forth in [illegible] silence. The presence of the Master was witnessed & the [illegible] baptized together into the tender fear, our [illegible] [illegible];

[illegible] Answers

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except a few small meetings. The time of holding is attended by Friends generally. Those in the middle of the week [illegible] neglected by many. The hour is [illegible] [illegible].

2d. [illegible] tained among us, with one exception. Detraction for the most part guarded against. Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear.

3d. Most of our members are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation. [illegible] [illegible] consistent Christian [illegible] as faithful as [illegible] to bring them up in accordance with our Christian profession.

4th. [illegible] [illegible] Friends [illegible] and their children & others are [illegible] in the practice of [illegible]. [illegible] to maintain a free gospel ministry.

5th. The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is, we think, avoided, with few exceptions. [illegible] amusements inconsistent with a Christian character, except in a few instances. Moderation [illegible].

6th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to with one exception & care is generally taken to procure suitable employment. Members are [illegible] in the education of their children.

7th. There is some unfaithfulness in bearing our testimony against military matters. The [illegible] of man in relation to the public revenue. [illegible] against oaths.

8th. Friends in general careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts. Careful as regards punctuality and paying debts, with one exception.

The believe Friends endeavor to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9th. Our removes are attended to with a few exceptions in one Quarterly Meeting. A few removals without certificates, some of whom are living without the limits of any recognized Monthly Meeting, and [illegible] cases are under notice.

10th The discipline is administered in Christian tenderness with impartiality, though not in all cases as timely as would be best; judgment is placed on the testimony of truth according to discipline, but not always when it appears necessary.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow

Ninth Mo. 13th - 10 o'clock A.M. The meeting met according to adjournment. The representatives [illegible] present but [illegible]. Reasons were given for the absence of [illegible]. An Epistle of our dear [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of this present time came to hand this morning, the reading of which was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] us as [illegible] [illegible] in the truth [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible].

This meeting has been [illegible] into much sympathy with our Subordinate meetings, especially with those composed of but few members, and a desire to extend a [illegible] hand to them. We appoint [illegible] Bowen, Henry S. Reed, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] Jacob, Moses Bailey, James P. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], and Timothy B. [illegible] to unite with a similar committee of Women Friends, to proceed, to visit [illegible] the [illegible] of Friends [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] care, counsel and encouragement [illegible] such meetings and friends as they may be drawn unto in the love of the gospel.

The [illegible] [illegible] from the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] read, and directed to be recorded.

[illegible], ministers and elders are diligent in attending meetings on worship and discipline, with [illegible] exception in the answer from one meeting. The endeavour to promote the attendance of our families [illegible]

Ans. 2. In love and conversation [illegible]

[illegible]

and [illegible]; but [illegible] in unity one with another and with the meetings [illegible] tale bearing and [illegible] the name of truth; a little [illegible] is manifested in the answers from [illegible] Quarterly Meetings.

Ans. 3. [illegible]

[illegible] and endeavour to [illegible] consistent with our Christian [illegible].

Ans. 4. [illegible] in a good degree [illegible] and are cautioned to administer encouragement [illegible]

[illegible]

## Statistics

Statistics of [illegible] meetings have been read, and are as follows;

| | Births | Deaths | Moved into | Moved out | Admitted | Released | Present No. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [illegible] | 1 | 20 | 5 | 9 | 30 | 1 | 378 | | |
| [illegible] | 0 | 12 | 9 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 282 | | |
| [illegible] | 2 | 21 | 9 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 496 | | |
| [illegible] | 2 | 11 | [illegible] | 5 | [illegible] | 2 | 390 | [illegible] | 12 |
| [illegible] | 3 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 349 | [illegible] | 4 |
| [illegible] | 3 | 13 | 2 | 11 | [illegible] | 2 | 249 | [illegible] | 4 |
| [illegible] | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 114 | [illegible] | 2 |
| [illegible] | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 207 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Total | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 17 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |

The [illegible] Quarterly Meeting having requested that a [illegible] be made at this time the Representatives are directed to take the subject under consideration, in accordance with the provision of our Discipline & report to this meeting.

[illegible] Quarterly [illegible] Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in the first

months in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and an [illegible]
recommended as Overseers [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
approved by this meeting.

Salem Quarter proposes that the time of holding its Quarterly Meeting be changed [illegible] to be held on the 2nd Fifth day in the months in which it is now held, commencing at ten o'clock, to be followed by a meeting or meetings for worship on Sixth day at 10 o'clock, under the care of the Quarterly Meeting; which is referred back to that Quarterly Meeting for further consideration.

At the request of Salem Quarterly Meeting, this meeting directs that each Quarter send up its statistical information to the First day of the 2nd month in order that a correct account be rendered to the Yearly Meeting.

[illegible] Quarter reports that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
address, [illegible] Berwick, Maine.

Fairfield Quarter reports that Sidney Monthly Meeting has appointed Joseph Sawyer its correspondent, in the place of Samuel [illegible], deceased; [illegible] [illegible], Me.; and that [illegible] St. Albans Monthly Meeting has appointed William P. Winslow its [illegible] to that meeting, in place of Daniel [illegible], deceased. Address, St. Albans, Maine.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, in joint session with the women.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

The [illegible] Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report, and after it was read [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] more [illegible] [illegible] than [illegible] [illegible] the report, all of which was [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible]
continued another year, with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible]

[illegible] Tressman, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible], [illegible] Freeman, [illegible] [illegible]

Cartland, [illegible] Cartland, Charles H. Bailey,

[illegible] Bacon, [illegible] B. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]

Lydia Ann Cartland, [illegible] Batty, [illegible] [illegible]

Mary [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] Reed, [illegible]

Estes, [illegible] B. Estes, [illegible] [illegible]

Hodgin, and Benjamin B. [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] Mission

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

appointed [illegible] have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] and opportunity [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

at Brummana [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]!

Albert [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] Committee associated with

the care of the Brummana Mission, accompanied

[illegible] on his journey to Syria, & [illegible] arrived

Brummana on the third day of the 12th month 187[illegible]

[illegible] was warmly welcomed by the teachers

the mission family, [illegible] commenced their [illegible]

All the Schools were examined, & [illegible] account

of the State and progress of each class have been

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] much interest in the

teachers and scholars. [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] at the Schools [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The Schools are under the care [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] and one each at Beit Miri, [illegible]

[illegible], [illegible], [illegible] and Mansouriyeh.

This last [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and has been [illegible]

during the past year, with the [illegible] School is [illegible]

ported by [illegible] [illegible] Friends. The total num[illegible]

of scholars [illegible] [illegible], the visitors [illegible] the examination of each class as being satisfactory. The [illegible] reading and knowledge of Scripture are particularly remarked.

A house belonging to an Emir or prince at [illegible] situated near the Mission and well suited for the purpose has been leased for two years as a temporary [illegible]

[illegible]

inmates 15, [illegible] and eleven boys, all that [illegible] accommodation was taken to receive only those who were [illegible] the [illegible] to become useful characters. The youngest is six years old, the eldest, sixteen. This Home is to be sustained by the joint action of Friends in England and America. The [illegible] at Brummana is to be [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] expense, [illegible] principal [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] meetings [illegible] at Brummana and [illegible] at [illegible]. That at Brummana is attended [illegible] 125 [illegible] the close [illegible] [illegible] attended [illegible] children [illegible] the evening.

A little company [illegible] has been [illegible] to the principles of the [illegible] Friends, [illegible] persons [illegible] joined it, [illegible] inquiring spirit. The [illegible] Advices & Queries have been translated into Arabic for their use, and [illegible] a regular [illegible]

As [illegible] difficulty in getting possession of the land originally purchased, another piece of ground has been obtained [illegible], [illegible] of about four acres, and has upon it 200 olive trees & upwards of 100 [illegible] trees. Its [illegible] name is [illegible]

[illegible]

there is [illegible] opportunity [illegible] of planting trees, [illegible]

1876.

An interview took place with [illegible], the Governor-General of [illegible], relative to the claims about the title to one piece of land, when he [illegible] his desire that it should be quietly terminated, and has since been come to a settlement about twenty pounds sterling to the three women who claimed compensation, & it has been amicably settled. [illegible] with the building of the training Home at Mission House.

[illegible] Baldwin & his excellent wife continue to have the general oversight of the [illegible] [illegible] French [illegible], the girls' school at [illegible] the mixed school at [illegible] is taught by [illegible] under, one of those who are convinced of Friends' principles, and the same school at [illegible] under the care of [illegible], [illegible] Isaac [illegible] [illegible] teachers remains in the Girls' School & visits and the sick, viz. [illegible] generally a house, the educated [illegible] teachers.

The visits of our friends [illegible] to [illegible] hospital [illegible] to [illegible] and a [illegible] it has appeared to be insurmountable. Much [illegible] of the clergy are still bitterly opposed to the work, it is believed that a change has occurred in the feeling of the people towards it. One who was formerly an opponent called one day at the Mission & was hospitably entertained. In the course of conversation he said to Mr. Baldwin, "I have seen many strange things in one day, but the strangest of all to me was in the precincts of the [illegible] of [illegible] Bread [illegible]". The house occupied by Mr. Baldwin and the one just rented as a training Home, both belonged to the [illegible], and all [illegible] which was turned into the little open space [illegible] [illegible] on them, by order of the government, fifty years ago.

The [illegible] the education seems, also, to be increasing, [illegible] the committee were planning [illegible]

From a meeting, there was sent by a deputation from the village of [illegible], requesting that a school should be established there. The place had been considered & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

An increased contribution has been sent to a Christian [illegible] a Missionary Society in Sweden, which aims to the missionary purpose to prepare funds for the support of five Schools and Bible Readers the Bible women, for the present year.

We would commend the Mission work in Ra-mallah to the continued care of the Yearly Meeting, and trust that the Lord will still aid & bless all who are concerned in it.

On behalf of the Committee

[illegible] Thompson, Clk.

Newport, 6th mo. 13. 1876.

Account with our Foreign Missions of New England Yearly Meeting with George Howland Jr, Treasurer  Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1875. 6 mo. | To balance from old acct. | $1,643.24 |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| | " Amount rec'd from members & others | 64.55 |
| | " " " Collections | [illegible] |
| | | $2,034.24 |

| Contra | | Cr. |
|---|---|---|
| 1875. 8 mo. 26 | By amount paid [illegible] 64 ? | $255.[illegible] |
| " 12 " 28 | " " " " 30 | 376.85 |
| 1876 2d mo | " " " 150 | 5[illegible].24 |
| 6 mo | By balance to new account | [illegible] |
| | | $2034.24 |

Examined & approved

George Howland Jr, Treasurer

Newport, 6 mo. 10. 1876

To the Foreign Mission Committee of New England Yearly Meeting, care of Eli Jones:

Dear Friends, Your kind [illegible] [illegible] received by our dear & venerable friend Eli Jones. Our hearts have been tenderly touched by your

76. sympathy [illegible] expressed towards us. Your good counsel & wishes relating to the organization of [illegible] according to the gospel principles of the Society of Friends, [illegible] been accomplished. Eli Jones and his dear companions Alfred L. Fox and Henry Newman from England helped kindly in this good work. Now, as we form a little church, we need further your Christian sympathy and prayerful interest, as we are [illegible] in number and weak in strength in comparison to the counteracting influences and [illegible] darkness & degradation round about us. [illegible]

[illegible] in this [illegible] shall [illegible] him, and [illegible] which will [illegible] to bless you all [illegible] as well as the little church at Brummana. [illegible] to enter into a more intimate Christian fellowship with you. [illegible] and [illegible] the Mediterranean & the Atlantic ocean [illegible] on one side, upon the [illegible] dear Friends, on the other side upon the [illegible] on Mount Lebanon!

May the Lord [illegible] you, dear friends, for all that you have already done in this [illegible] do not [illegible] weary in well-doing, [illegible] In behalf of the Brummana [illegible]

[illegible]
Isaac [illegible]
[illegible]
Joseph [illegible]
[illegible]
Clerk of the Meeting at Bru

[illegible]

Birmingham

The educational committee [illegible] in which was included Birmingham [illegible], have submitted their annual report with statistical information, which being read and considered, was highly satisfactory to the meeting. We commit the subject to the care of the following Friends as a committee for the ensuing year, viz, [illegible], [illegible], Samuel H. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], Anna C. Ford, [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible].

The Committee on [illegible] report that they have given attention to the objects of their appointment. The system of the registration of attendance and of the record of members of [illegible] attendance at the schools, introduced last year, has been continued and extended. The objects of this system are three, viz, 1st, To obtain accurate statistics to report to the Yearly Meeting. 2d, [illegible] [illegible] schools themselves. Each teacher has a class-book, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] or absence, a sense of responsibility for punctual attendance is increased, and [illegible] [illegible] habits of order are encouraged and facilitated. 3d, To unite the schools of our Yearly Meeting together and facilitate communication between the various sections. The [illegible] of this system of registration, adopted in [illegible] the [illegible] with Indiana Yearly Meeting, [illegible] to be used here, and there are difficulties in the way of a general record in some places, we [illegible]. Teachers' class books and superintendents' record books have been prepared and supplied [illegible]. As many as needed they can be furnished on application. Printed blanks [illegible] the reported condition of the schools [illegible] [illegible] forwarded, and one of them is appended to this report. A limited number is [illegible] for distribution. The statistics are as follows:

Number of Schools . 39

[illegible]

170. including teachers [illegible] having [illegible] [illegible] number [illegible] since it began [illegible] [illegible] Number [illegible] 9.
Present attendance
Number of members on Social committee 13.
Number [illegible] this year
Schools discontinued

The average attendance is nearly two thirds of the highest number enrolled, so that we can calculate that every Firstday about 1000 of our members are being taught in our Firstday Schools, perhaps this number may be increased.

It has been made to the committee, through the various Quarterly Meeting conferences and correspondence, [illegible] settling up new schools in meetings where none existed.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] few children [illegible] a meeting need not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; nor should we consider the limits of membership as necessarily the limits of our responsibility, nor is it necessary to confine it to children only.

We would encourage the establishment of First day and neighborhood schools where meetings [illegible] impossible.

The First-day of the week set apart as a day need not become a dull, a heavy, weary day [illegible] adolescence. It is the experience of teachers that it may well be loved & become a day of enjoyment, for with those whose happiness would depend upon [illegible] performance of [illegible], for the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]joyment; hours are idle & [illegible] [illegible]

But now it would seem, more than ever, the harvest of the world is abundant and [illegible] ample [illegible], for truly the laborers few. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], the Great Master [illegible] that he will send forth laborers into his h

For the committee
Anna G. Ward

Newport 10th mo. 13th 1876.

## Bible School Statistics

### Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Newport | Thomas B. Buffum Newport R.I. | 12 | 1 | 8 |
| Portsmouth, | Joseph E. Macomber Portsmouth " | 53 | 4 | 22 |
| Tiverton | | | | |
| Greenwich, | Solomon R. Knowles E. Greenwich " | 35 | 1 | 6 |
| Somerset, | Richard R. Macomber Swanzey Vill. Ms. | 40 | 4 | [illegible] |
| Freetown | | | | |
| Fall River, | Sam'l R. Buffinton Fall River " | 54 | 6 | [illegible] |
| Peace Dale | | | | |
| Hopkinton, [illegible], | Thos S. Collins Hopkinton R.I. | 44 | 4 | [illegible] |
| Cumberland | | | | |
| Smithfield, | [illegible] Smithfield " | 12 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Providence, | Thomas J. Battey, Providence " | 72 | 5 | [illegible] |
| The Boarding School, | Albert K. Smiley " " | [illegible] | 11 | [illegible] |

### Salem Quarterly Meeting

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Salem, | Joshua Buxton Jr, Peabody Ms | 16 | 1 | [illegible] |
| Lynn, | J. Ellwood Paige, Lynn " | 114 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Amesbury | Mercy S. Davis, Pleasant Valley Ms | 11 | 1 | |
| Seabrook | | | | |
| Epping | | | | |
| Pittsfield | | | | |
| West Newbury | Robert L. Brown, Newbury " | 53 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| South Weare, | Dudley H. Farr, North Weare N.H. | 25 | 1 | [illegible] |
| North Weare, | Moses Sawyer North Weare N.H. | 62 | [illegible] | 31 |
| Henniker, | Franklin A. Huntington, Henniker " | 13 | 1 | 13 |
| Boston, | [illegible] J. Meader, Roxbury Mass. | 57 | [illegible] | [illegible] |

### Sandwich Quarterly Meeting

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sandwich | Frederick D. Holway, East Sandwich Ms | 4[illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Yarmouth | David Kelley, South Yarmouth " | 2[illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Falmouth | Arnold Gifford West Falmouth " | 36 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Pembroke | | | | |
| [illegible] | | | | |
| [illegible] | | | | |

[illegible] continued

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| [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | | |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | | |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | 8 | | |
| * [illegible] | [illegible] | | | |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | | | |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | 3 | | |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | | | |
| Fairhaven | John Reed, Jr., Fairhaven " | | | |
| Mattapoisett | [illegible] Macomber, Mattapoisett " | | | |

## Yarmouth [illegible]

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Portland, | [illegible], Portland, Me. | 27 | 8 | |
| [illegible], | [illegible] " | 53 | | |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | 17 | | |
| [illegible], | [illegible] " | 113 | 13 | |
| * [illegible] | D. A. [illegible] " | 30 | | |
| [illegible], | | | | |
| [illegible], | [illegible] " | 28 | 3 | |
| Brunswick [illegible] | Samuel [illegible], Brunswick, Me. | 40 | 6 | |

## [illegible]

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| [illegible], | James E. Reed, [illegible], N.Y. | | | |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | | | |
| [illegible], | [illegible] " | 24 | | |
| [illegible], | [illegible] " | 52 | | |
| [illegible], | [illegible] " | 2[illegible] | | |
| [illegible], | [illegible] " | 5[illegible] | | |
| [illegible], | [illegible] " | 6 | | |

## [illegible]

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| [illegible], | | | | |
| [illegible], | [illegible] | 2[illegible] | 2 | |
| * Cuba, [illegible], | Miriam Austin, Cuba, " | | 1 | |
| * South Cuba, | Frank [illegible], South Cuba, " | 25 | 3 | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| + [illegible] | [illegible] | 25 | 3 | 10 |
| [illegible] | [illegible], [illegible], Me. | 45 | 4 | 31 |
| + Thorndike |  |  |  |  |
| [illegible] |  |  |  |  |
| Oak Grove Seminary |  |  |  |  |
| * Dirigo | [illegible], Dirigo, Me. | 20 | 2 | 7 |

Dover Quarterly Meeting

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| [illegible], | [illegible], [illegible], Me. | 27 | 2 | 33 |
| + Pine Grove |  |  |  |  |
| [illegible] |  |  |  |  |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | 45 | 4 | 23 |
| [illegible] |  |  |  |  |
| [illegible] | [illegible] |  |  |  |
| [illegible] | [illegible] B. [illegible], [illegible], Me. | 33 | 3 | 16 |
| [illegible] | [illegible], [illegible] | 27 | 3 | 17 |
| [illegible] |  |  |  |  |

[illegible]

|  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fairfield, | [illegible], So. [illegible], Me. | 61 | 3 | 16 |
| [illegible], | [illegible], [illegible], " | 42 | 4 | 17 |
| [illegible], | [illegible], [illegible], " | 105 | [illegible] | 32 |
| + Manchester, |  |  |  |  |
| [illegible], |  |  |  |  |
| [illegible], | [illegible], [illegible], " | 77 | 6 | 47 |

* New Schools opened during the past year

[illegible]

[illegible] can be obtained [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible], Me.

Adjourned to meet in separate capacities to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Fourth day morning, [illegible] 14th, Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The reading of the minutes of this meeting for the past year was omitted by the direction of the Meeting.

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[illegible]

The committee on school education [illegible] the following report, as they have been able to obtain [illegible] past year.

The [illegible] statistics [illegible] education report [illegible] all [illegible] appreciation [illegible] previous [illegible] direction [illegible] children [illegible] visited [illegible] certain [illegible] friends [illegible] and [illegible] parents [illegible] children [illegible] in denominational [illegible] and [illegible] committee [illegible] and [illegible] of this year, [illegible] obtained correct statistics, as [illegible] same [illegible] name, [illegible] educational [illegible] children under [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] cause [illegible] instrumental [illegible]

[illegible] denominational schools, [illegible] also [illegible] making an encouraging report of the condition of our [illegible], the [illegible] influence of which is [illegible], and [illegible] trust that it will be preserved [illegible] is the summary of statistics.

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|---|---|
| Whole No. of children | [illegible] |
| Instructed by Friends | 123. |
| Not instructed by Friends | 549. |
| At college | 16. |
| At Academies | 8. |
| At village [illegible] | 10. |
| Desirous of collegiate instruction | [illegible] |
| [illegible] higher [illegible] instruction | [illegible] |
| Desiring such instruction but without means | 78. |
| [illegible] teachers reported | 76. |

It appears that there are 549 children not instructed by Friends, while we have 76 teachers that there are 78 persons desirous of higher academic [illegible] who have not the means; a fact which claims [illegible] grave and careful consideration of this [illegible] meeting. [illegible]

in cities, only [illegible] are as our own [illegible].
The [illegible] responsibility [illegible]. It is
[illegible] to see to it that these are not allowed to
stray [illegible] through our [illegible], for the [illegible]
[illegible] needs the [illegible] of their days and the
benefit of their [illegible] requirements.

We have only [illegible] in our own
[illegible] as Harvard and the committee sincerely
[illegible] that this ought not to be; but it is the [illegible] of
our schools, the influence of our schools, the parents, and
the feeling of the [illegible] at large [illegible]
in the interest of our [illegible]; and if [illegible]
defects, for them to remedied.

The committee [illegible] at [illegible]
expenditure of money, [illegible] cannot [illegible]
to the fact that [illegible], [illegible] teachers, [illegible]
[illegible] would be greatly benefited by normal instruc-
tion, [illegible] which [illegible]
[illegible] to the [illegible] well in-
[illegible]
[illegible] understand [illegible] on [illegible]
and substantial principles, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] their [illegible] and [illegible]
and thus to [illegible] the [illegible].

The committee have expended [illegible]
thirty dollars of the [illegible] appropriated last year
[illegible]
the remaining $20 [illegible] to the [illegible]
committee [illegible] year, to complete the [illegible]
that year and [illegible] to complete the [illegible]
[illegible] three [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Committee [illegible]

The statistics and the information contained in
the report is satisfactory and encouraging, [illegible]
[illegible]. The great [illegible] of [illegible]
the committee [illegible]
the importance of [illegible]
[illegible] committee [illegible] care. We [illegible]
that keeping this important branch of our [illegible];

and in order to enable them to carry on their [illegible]
we direct our Treasurer to place one hundred & fifty [illegible]
[illegible]

Committee — [illegible] Jones, [illegible] Freeman, [illegible] Batty, [illegible] Jones, [illegible]

## General Meetings.

General Meetings made the following report, viz.:
To the Yearly Meeting: The joint committee on General Meetings present the following report, viz.:
We have deeply felt the responsibility of our work, and as we have been impressed with the needs of the various localities and as the residents therein have called upon us to do so, [illegible] general meetings have been held, viz., at Burrillville & [illegible] Mansfield in Smithfield Quarter, and at Hope [illegible] in Rhode Island Quarter. Several [illegible] [illegible] have also been held, all of which, [illegible], have been to the glory of God. [illegible] received from these places since the close of the meetings [illegible] that the good work has continued [illegible] [illegible] will be continued [illegible] [illegible]. On behalf of the committee
[illegible] [illegible]    Daniel S. Thompson, [illegible]

Which was read and was satisfactory; [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] meetings held within the limits of this Yearly Meeting during the past [illegible]

[illegible] to be [illegible] God, [illegible] [illegible] in Christ, [illegible] salvation [illegible] committee for the ensuing year [illegible] addition [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with power [illegible] [illegible] to organize committees [illegible] continue [illegible] the same committee as [illegible]
[illegible] Chase, [illegible], Hudson C. [illegible], Anna G. [illegible], [illegible] Gartland, [illegible] Haight, [illegible] Batty, [illegible] B. [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible]

Susan A. Thompson, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Jane [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], David [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] William [illegible], Josephine Pratt, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Susanna [illegible], [illegible] Thompson.

Representative Meeting. The minutes of the Representative Meeting were read, & the business [illegible] the year ending are approved by the Yearly Meeting.

The representatives [illegible] in the [illegible] of this meeting are [illegible] in accordance with our discipline, to [illegible] a [illegible] within [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

added to the Epistle [illegible] [illegible] into [illegible] consideration, [illegible] the meeting [illegible] agreed to unite with the proposition [illegible]:

"On the [illegible] of the [illegible] Yearly Meetings, this meeting [illegible] State [illegible] and National [illegible] and [illegible] that been [illegible] [illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible] impressed with the necessity of a [illegible] delegates from the several Yearly Meetings, for the consideration, and endeavor to reach conclusions upon such subjects as concern the common interests of all, and to meet at such time and place as may be [illegible] by the several Yearly Meetings. Our correspondents are directed to append this proposition to our Epistles to [illegible] Yearly Meetings."

Adjourned to the usual time this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Friends met as adjourned.

Temperance. The committee [illegible] last year [illegible] in the cause of Temperance [illegible] submit the result of their efforts in endeavoring to promote total abstinence, in the following report:

To [illegible] Yearly Meeting.

The committee appointed to have the care of the cause of Temperance in [illegible] Yearly Meeting have attended to their service, and submit the following report [illegible] gratifying apparent in some places where an unite

success [illegible] tended to an evident increase of inter
in the Society at large in this important work during
the year. Nearly all of our [illegible] stations have respond-
ed to the request of the Yearly Meeting, by appointing

With a desire to present to this meeting a definite &
accurate report of the standing of its members on this
important subject, a pledge was prepared by our
committee and copies presented to each [illegible]
stations, with the request that Friends would sign
or give their reasons for a refusal. A large majority
our members have cheerfully responded by placing
their signatures to it. Some, however, and among

[illegible] declined, and the above [illegible]
without giving a reason [illegible] refusal. [illegible]

been held, one in Portland, Maine, and the other
[illegible], N.H., which were [illegible] attended, [illegible]
[illegible] visits, [illegible]
[illegible] among the children [illegible]
[illegible] temperance [illegible]
also distributed.
At a meeting of the committee held in Portland in
[illegible] committee was appointed [illegible]
[illegible] cause of Temperance [illegible]
made to [illegible]. Through their influence a [illegible]
[illegible] was called [illegible] the 12th & 13
of 3d month last. The objects of holding this convention
were, 1st, to [illegible] the [illegible] more than [illegible]
[illegible]; 2d [illegible] upon a [illegible] for a union [illegible]

day, [illegible] was cordially entered into by
[illegible] representatives [illegible] Christian [illegible]
[illegible]

both its [illegible] and influence the [illegible]
called, the published proceedings, which [illegible]

1400 ministers were in attendance during the session. It is believed that no temperance convention has ever been held in New England, the influence of which will be so widely felt as this. [illegible] gratifying, yet [illegible] humiliating to be made aware of the high esteem in which our Society is held, and yet so [illegible] the value of the [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] with them we would recommend that our successors be requested, if they find nothing in the way, to carry out the plan thus begun, or adopt some other which shall reach the same results. 200 copies of the Proceedings of the convention were taken [illegible] of our Society [illegible] [illegible]. We have drawn on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting [illegible] of $200 [illegible]. We would recommend that a similar committee be appointed this year, with an appropriation not exceeding $300. With this report we submit, also the following minute of the [illegible] [illegible].

— This meeting has again had under solemn consideration the subject of total abstinence, and in view of the strong hold intemperance has upon all classes of society, we believe it right to encourage all true & judicious work [illegible] in this cause. We are pleased at the [illegible] advance that has been made in the right direction, and pray God for the final triumph of the right. [illegible], Clerk.

This was read and is encouraging to the meeting, the subject being one of vital importance to the existence and welfare of the whole human family. Although there are many discouraging things which have tended in a great measure to retard this work, yet we are encouraged to persevere in a Christian spirit to promote the cause, which is total abstinence, and we commit the subject again to the same committee, excepting [illegible], [illegible], without any limits [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] $300, [illegible] committee. Our [illegible] are [illegible] to appoint committees to co-operate with our committee in [illegible] this good work. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Allen, Edward S. Harris, Timothy W. [illegible]
and Catherine [illegible], Benjamin [illegible], Jonathan [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible], Samuel L. Hall, Jonathan [illegible]
[illegible] Isaac [illegible], Charles [illegible],
[illegible] Goddard, Samuel [illegible],
[illegible] Women — Ellen [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] Susan Ann [illegible], Lydia [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible], Lydia E. Sawyer, [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible], Charlotte [illegible], Elizabeth [illegible]
[illegible].

Our friend Luke Aldrich, late of Woonsocket R. I. deceased made the following bequest to this Yearly Meeting in accordance with the extract from his will herewith annexed.

To the Representative Meeting of New England Year
ly Meeting of Friends, to be held at Providence R. I. 2d mo
2d 1876. Extracts from the last will & testament of our dear friend Luke Aldrich, late of Woonsocket R. I., deceased:

Section 4th — I give and devise to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, all my real and personal estate that remains after my just debts are paid; also after the payment of the second and third beque
heretofore made. The income arising from said estate to be applied towards the support of the Boarding school establishment [illegible] Providence, in the State of Rhode Island. And my will is that said Yearly Meeting of Friends may if at any time they shall deem it pr
er to do so, sell and dispose of said real estate, an
apply the proceeds thereof to the purpose of education as shall seem to them most conducive to the gen
good of said institution; it being my desire, so far as the small means with which I have been favore [illegible] [illegible] to promote the literary and religious education of the children and youth of our Societ
y, from the contaminating influence of the vain a
fashionable world. [illegible]

And during the recess of the Yearly Meeting, th
[illegible]

the subject and a necessity arising for the conveyance of some real estate George Howland Jr. The Treasurer of this Yearly Meeting, did, at the request of the said Representative Meeting make and execute, in behalf of this meeting, a deed of a house and lot situate in Woonsocket R.I., for the sum of four thousand dollars. This meeting accepts the trust thus created, & hereby ratifies and confirms the act of the Representative Meeting and also of the Treasurer, in the conveyance of said real estate, and acknowledges it as an act of this meeting. The Treasurer is directed to pay the amount received over to the treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, so that the income arising therefrom may be used as directed by the testator, for the schooling of the children who are members of this Yearly Meeting. And the treasurer of this meeting is directed to receive any further sum that may be due on the lease, and pay the same to the treasurer of the school fund.

At the request of this Yearly Meeting, through its Representative Meeting, the State of Maine passed the following act in 1873, viz:

An act to incorporate the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature aſsembled, as follows:

Section 1. Eli Jones, Moses Bailey, Reuben T. Jones, Edward Howland, William C. Taber & Charles R. Tucker, their aſsociates and succeſsors, being admitted and approved as members of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, according to their usual order and discipline, are hereby incorporated by the name of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, for charitable and benevolent purposes, with all the powers, privileges and immunities of corporations and subject to all the duties and liabilities of such corporations under the general statutes of the State.

Sect. 2. Said corporation may hold, for the purposes aforesaid, real & personal estate, by purchase, gift, devise or otherwise, to such an amount that the

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net income thereof shall not, in any one year, exceed thirty thousand dollars, and the management of all said property may be committed by said corporation to a clerk or secretary, treasurer, trustee committee or other officers or agents thereof.

Sec. 3. This corporation, at any legal meeting thereof after its organization, is hereby duly authorized and empowered by a major vote of its members present at such meeting to consolidate with the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, incorporated by the legislature of Rhode Island, and now in operation in that State, so as to constitute but one corporation, as near as may be, with full authority to hold corporate meetings in Rhode Island, as well as in this State, and to transact any corporate business in said state, so as to be binding upon this corporation and all persons interested therein; and this corporation shall hold all its property subject to the same purposes and trusts as are or may be specified in the said Rhode Island charter, provided that real and personal estate held by said corporation shall not be exempt from taxation.

Sec. 4. The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, a corporation established by the legislature of Rhode Island and now in operation in that State, is hereby authorized to hold its annual meetings in the State of Maine from time to time, as they shall see fit, and transact therein any business that may come before them, the same as if such meeting were held in the State of Rhode Island.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

And an amendment to the same in 1876, viz.:

An Act to amend the Charter of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Sec. 1. The third section of "an Act to incorporate the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England" passed February [illegible] in the year eighteen hundred and recorded, &c., is hereby amended by striking out the proviso which is in the following words; "Provided that real and personal estate held by said corporation shall not be exempt from taxation;" which proviso is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

These having been read and considered are accepted by this meeting.

The General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, in the year 1875, also passed an act at the request of the same meeting as follows:

State of Rhode Island }
In General Assembly January Session, A.D. 1875 }

An Act in Amendment of an Act entitled, "An Act to authorize and enable the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England to receive, hold, manage, appropriate and dispose of property for charitable and religious and other purposes"

It is enacted by the General Assembly, as follows;

Sec. 1. The corporation known as the Yearly Meeting of Friends in New England is hereby authorized to hold annual meetings not oftener than once in every two years hereafter in the State of Maine, for such purposes as the like meetings have heretofore been held in this State, whenever said corporation, shall, by the law of Maine, be permitted and authorised to hold such meetings for such purposes in that State; and the election of officers of said corporation, and all votes passed, and all business transacted by said corporation at the meetings that may be so holden in Maine shall be as valid, binding and effectual, to all intents & purposes as though said corporate meetings had been holden in this State. —]

The object being, if way opens for it, to hold alternate annual meetings at Portland, in the State of Maine. All of said proceedings have been recorded on the records of the Representative Meeting. Now, in accordance with the above provisions it is concluded that when this meeting adjourns it is to convene at Portland, in the State of Maine, next year, provided that our Representative Meeting investigate the subject, and are [illegible] on

1876. legal objections appear but what can be surmount

If from any cause, however, it become necessa to meet at Newport next year, the said represen ative Meeting is directed to give ample notice thereof. The article of our Discipline on pages 50 & 51 is to be made to conform to the change of place in holding the Yearly Meeting.

## Henry H. Mosher Fund.

The Trustees of the Henry H. Mosher Fund have presented their report, which is as follows:

6th Mo. 13th 1876.

To the Yearly Meeting

The Trustees to the fund of Henry H. Mosher make the follow in report, viz:

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| 1876. 2d mo. 9th Received of Edmund Stiles | $11500.00 |
| Cr. | |
| 1876. 2d mo. 9th To ten gold bonds of the City of Boston $1000 each, costing 110 5/8 | $11062.50 |
| Interest from 10 mo. 1, 1875 to 2d mo. 9, 1876 | 177.78 |
| Deposited in New Bedford Savings Bank | 259.72 |
| | $11500.00 |
| 1876. 4 mo. 1st, Interest for six months at rate of 5 per cent, gold | $281.56 |
| Less interest paid from 10th mo. 1st to 2d mo. 9th | 177.78 |
| Income on hand to be expended by the Yearly Meeting according to the intent of the donor | $103.78 |

Funds consist as follows; 10 gold bonds of city of Boston, $1000 each, registered, and due 1905; $437.50 in New Bedford Savings Bank

On behalf of the Trustees
Edward W. Howland
Charles F. Coffin

This was read, and is satisfactory to the meeting. We refer the disposition of the income to a committee which may be named by Albert K. Smiley, John Page, Matthew Howland, Obadiah Chase and Richard Bailey united with a similar committee appoint ed by women Friends, who are to present the names agreed upon to a future session of this meeting, then to disburse the income arising from said fund in accordance with the will.

Yearly Meetings Committee. The committee charged with that duty presented the following names to constitute a committee to labor within our Yearly Meeting, especially by visiting our small meetings & individuals as way opens in the truth, for the promotion of the cause of our blessed Redeemer, as set forth in a previous minute. Names of committee, – Eli Jones, Thomas D. Buffum, Benjamin M. Jones, Lydia Haight, Anna G. Wood, Annabella Winn, Charles M. Jones, Matthew Howland, Harriet A. Jones, Hannah A. Bailey, Narcissa Jacob, William P. Macomber, Phebe C. Gifford, Esther Jones, Harriet D. Collins, Jane C. Minot, Joseph C. Macomber, William Jacob, John N. Tucker, James S. Boyce, William Thompson, Martha C. Pratt, Sarah W. Goddard, Susan N. Thompson, J. Warren Hawkes, Henry T. Wood.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock to morrow afternoon.

6th mo. 15th – 3 P.M. Friends again in session

Our late beloved friend David Buffum, deceased, did by will give to this Yearly Meeting ten shares of the capital Stock in the Manufacturers' National Bank of Providence, R.I. the par value being $1000, the income arising therefrom to be used in the schooling of Friends' children in New England. The Treasurer of the School Fund received soon after the death of our dear friend, from the executors of this will a transfer of the above ten shares of Stock, & placed the same with the other charitable funds held for the same object. The trust hereby created is accepted by this meeting & all the doings up to the present time being just & proper, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

## Indian Report.

The joint committee set apart to promote the concern of this meeting on behalf of the Indians located west of the Mississippi river, have presented the following report

To the Yearly Meeting:

The associated Executive Committee have held two meetings during the past year. One at Indianapolis commencing 10th mo. 27th 1875, at which seven of the Yearly

1876. Meetings were represented. Eight sessions were held & much important business transacted in harmony and love. The other met at Baltimore, 4th Mo. 12th 1876. At this time were delegates from nine Yearly Meetings in attendance. Interesting reports were received from various committees and the general agent.

The Superintendent of the Central Superintendency Enoch Hoag, who has so faithfully served Government and Friends through seven years of trial and experiment, has resigned his position; & our general agent, Dr. William Nicholson has been appointed and confirmed in his place. He, like his predecessor, has the confidence of the Interior Department, and, aside from the loss we sustain in being left without a general agent, this appointment seems highly fitting.

From the minutes of the Washington committee presented at Baltimore in fourth month, we make the following extract.

A letter from Enoch Hoag was read, resigning his office of Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Central Superintendency. The committee fully appreciate the great amount of faithful & wisely planned labor in the benefit of the Indians under the care of Superintendent Hoag, which, during his administration has been devised and carried into effect by him, & which has reached to almost every need of his charge [illegible] his firmness in the [illegible] of their rights; his success and skill in securing for them proper legislation, his hopefulness & perseverance under perplexities and discouragements; and the marked advance which has taken place among the tribes of the Superintendency generally, in industrial, literary and Christian education.

In accordance with the powers [illegible] to the committee of the Associated Committee, it accepts the resignation with the feeling that Superintendent Hoag bears with him into his retirement a [illegible] & his services [illegible] of the [illegible] of Friends [illegible] with them and the reward of a consciousness that amid great difficulties he has upheld the cause of the weak and ignorant, and has been enabled to show forth the Spirit of him who humbled himself to lift and save the needy.

Isaac T. Gibson, agent of the Osages has resigned his position, retiring with the fullest confidence of the President, the Secretary of the Interior and the associated Executive Committee. He has with untiring faithfulness, performed a very great work in settling his people on a new location in the Indian Territory. Cyrus Beede, who has acted as first clerk for Superintendent Hoag, a man highly respected by the red men, has been appointed and confirmed in his place, which, at the present time, is one of great responsibility. - On account of the impaired health of his wife, Jonathan Richards has felt it his duty to retire from the Wichita Agency. In accepting the resignation of agent Richards, the committee desire to record their high estimate of the unvarying diligence, faithfulness, excellent judgment and marked energy with which he has conducted the affairs of his agency. Also, the manner in which he has, through grace adorned the doctrine of our blessed Redeemer, and upheld the character of a faithful follower of the Prince of Peace. Andrew C. Williams has been appointed to fill his place.

Dr. Nicholson, as general agent, reported in 10th month last, that he had in the last two months visited the agencies for Indians in Kansas twice, and those of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe, the Wichita, the Kiowa and Comanche, and the Sac & Fox agencies once.

Visits from members of the committee to the different agencies have been shown to be a comfort and encouragement to the laborers there, as well as productive of good in their influence on the red man. Our dear deceased friend Thomas Wistar made one of these visits about a year since, in company with our friend James E. Rhoads. As evidence of his qualification for such work, we insert the following minute, made by the executive committee: In the removal of our friend Thomas Wistar, the committee felt that they had lost a wise

1876. counsellor, whose experience for fifty years in Indian affairs had been large and well garnered. His natural endowments fitted him to deal with and impress, and he was endued with special grace to love them with singular tenderness & steadfastness yet with discrimination. In this love he told them the truth with plainness, and bound them to him with cords of responsive affection. He spared neither time expense nor toil to advance their welfare doing all with untiring zeal. He wept over their wrongs, their ignorance & slowness to accept the good set before them, yet emotions but prompted efforts for their help. He had a faith in the Lord Jesus whereby he overcame the world; a faith which embraced him in all his offices, but especially as he is the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world and is to the believer "Christ in us the hope of glory", dealing with the very thoughts of the heart and springs of action, and in the monitions of the Spirit showing the path of duty and service. He was equally prompt to do what he thought his Lord desired he should do, as to leave undone what he forbade. Although dis[illegible] of his own [illegible] in the sight of the All searching Father of spirits within a few months of his decease he twice referred to his apprehension that the end of life was near, and said that the prospect beyond was very pleasant. We desire to follow him as he followed Christ.

The general [illegible] condition of the Indians in the Central Superintendency, the past year, is in marked contrast with that of 1874; and we believe there is cause for encouragement. The reports from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, from the [illegible] [illegible], from the [illegible] of the Central Superintendency & from all the agents, agree in their language touching the improvement in Christianization and civilization. The following extracts from the Annual Report of the Board of Indian Commissioners for the year 1875, to the President, will give a fair idea of the comparative general progress made towards civilizing Indian people within the Central

Superintendency during a period of seven years.

"The only hope of saving this remnant of a noble race lies in their permanent, civilization and Christianization. During the last seven years, under many difficulties of administration, there has been a set purpose to improve their condition, which has borne good fruit, and has succeeded beyond any reasonable expectation, as can be established by indubitable evidence."

"An interesting illustration of the progress of the Indians in habits of industry, education and civilization may be seen in the statistics bearing upon these and kindred subjects which have been collected by the board, and a random selection from them will afford a view of the comparative condition of the Indians in different years, and of the advance that has been made by them generally in intelligence and self support. for instance; the Indians of the Central Superintendency in Kansas, comprise portions of the Kickapoos, Pottawotomies, Kaws, Osages, Quapaws, Peorias, Ottawas, Wyandotts, Senecas, Sacs & Foxes, Absentee Shawnees, Cheyennes, Arapahoes, Wichitas, Kiowas and Comanches, in all aggregating about 16,000, In 1868 there had been only five Schools with 105 pupils, & in 1875 there are 15 Schools with 836 pupils. In 1868 there were no Sabbath Schools among them; in 1875, there were 13. In 1868 they cultivated 3,220 acres against 14,499 acres in 1875. In 1868 they raised 31,700 bushels of corn, 633 bushels of wheat, 730 tons of hay & no oats so far as reported. In 1875 they raised 320,500 bushels of corn, 28032 bushels of wheat, 4,996 tons of hay & 5,930 bushels of oats. Of potatoes and other vegetables they raised 5,770 bushels in 1868, against 29,102 bushels in 1875; and their horses & ponies had increased from 17,784 to 25,921, their cattle from 640 to 6,580 and their hogs from 1074 to 12,268 in the same period. Another exceedingly interesting fact as indicating their advance from savage & nomadic to civilized settled life is to be found in the circumstance that while in 1868 there were no houses reported as occupied and owned by these Indians, in 1875 they owned & occupied 1,042."

1876 The Cherokees, Choctaws, Creeks, Chickasaws & Seminol are embraced within the Central Superintendency but are not referred to in foregoing reports. They num ber about 54,650 and are entirely self-supporting. They sustain with their own funds 169 schools, som of which are of a high grade, and show an enrollm of 4,466 pupils. They own nearly 150 church buil ings and probably as large per centum of their num ber are professors of religion and church members as will be found among their neighbors in the adjoining States; and their laws, courts & system of government are about of the same grade.

When we take into account that five years sinc most of our Indians were just placed on new land or were about to be removed to such, in the territory, it becomes cause of admiration that so much has been accomplished. Many changes have taken place in the important offices of the Interior De- partment. We find that during eight years there have been four different Secretaries of the Interior, and five Indian Commissioners. Too many changes are likely to operate against rapid & steady progress. (By a letter from Superintendent Nichol we are informed that the Commissioner has directe that the agency for captive Indians near Baxte Springs shall be closed; also that the Pawnee agency shall be transferred from the Northern t the Central Superintendency & that it is likely that the Northern Superintendency will be discontinued at the close of this fiscal year.

The following report on the religious interes of the Indians is taken from the minutes of th executive committee.

The Committee on "Religious Interests" submit t following Report:

In reply to a series of questions addressed to the agents, we gather the following fa

1. Meetings for worship on First-day morning are kept up regularly at the following places in th different agencies.

Pottawatomie Mission } Kansas, H. H. Newlin, A
Kickapoo ,, }

Quapaw & Modoc Mission
Seneca, Shawnee & Wyandotte Mission } H. W. Jones, Agent.
Ottawa Mission
Sac & Fox Agency Levi Woodard, Agent
Cheyenne & Arapahoe Agency John D. Miles, Agent
Osage and Kaw Agency Cyrus Beede, Agent
Kiowa & Comanche Agency James M. Haworth ,,
Wichita Agency A. C. Williams, Agent
The meetings attended by the agents & their families most of the employees, some traders & their clerks, the Indian school children and some adult Indians The following numbers are given.
Pottawotomie meeting, 45 persons
Kickapoo meeting attendance quite [illegible] the above, including some white neighbors.
Sac & Fox meeting, 70 persons including 6 to 10 adult Indians
Cheyenne & Arapahoe meeting, 86 persons, including 10 adult Indians & 56. Indian children,
Osage & Kaw meeting 100 persons, including some adult Indians and the school children.
Kiowa & Comanche meeting number not given; the school children & a number of adult Indians attend.
Wichita meeting, 45 persons.
A meeting on First day Evening is also held at nearly or quite all the Agencies for "Bible reading and devotional exercises". At the Cheyenne and Arapahoe agency an average of 20 officers and soldiers are reported as attending the evening meeting.
2. Prayer or Devotional Meetings are held in addition to the above, at the following places.
At the Pottawotomie & Kickapoo Missions, every evening, attended by about. 45 each
At the Wyandotte Mission a meeting conducted by the Methodists, once a month, Also a "prayer meeting and preaching", by the Baptists, once a month.
At the Sac & Fox Agency, every 4th day Evening, attendance about 10. At the Cheyenne & Arapahoe Agency every 4th day evening, attendance
3rd First Day Schools are maintained at the following places — At the Pottawotomie Mission, 40 attendance, [illegible]

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| At the Kickapoo Mission | 48 | Scholars enrolled |
| " Seneca, Shawnee & Wyandotte " | 75 | " " |
| " Quapaw & Modoc " | 60 | " " |
| " Ottawa " | 40 | " " |
| " Sac and Fox " | 65 | " " |
| " Cheyenne & Arapahoe " | 56 | Indian childr & 20 white employees, [illegible] |
| " Osage and Kaw Mission<br>" | 130 | Indian children employees, traders & clerks |
| " Kiowa & Comanche " | 113 | Indian children |
| " Wichita " | 30 | Indian children & a few employees |
| | 617 | |

4. The exercises in these Schools consist generally of singing, devotional praise, vocal prayer, bible lessons, Friends at all the agencies are reported as nearly all having daily devotional exercises in their families, which are sometimes attended by neighboring Indians.

5. Religious instruction is given daily in all th schools, consisting of Scripture reading, Bible lessons, repeating texts, singing, prayer and reading religious tracts, varied according to the judgment of those having them in charge.

6. All the agents report a marked advance in the way of Christianizing the Indians under their charge.

We submit, herewith, the reports of the agents, containing some interesting facts not included in the above Summary.

At the meeting of the executive committee held at Baltimore, the following memorial was drawn up to be presented to Congreſs.

To the Senate & House of Representatives in Congreſs assembled

The memorial of the "Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs", representing ten Yearly Meetings of the Society of Friends residing in twenty one states, respectfully represents: That they have learned with great regret that a bill is pending before your honorable bodies to transfer the management of Indian Affairs to the War Department for the following reasons;

1. Because our experience for the past seven years has convinced us that the present policy has resulted in a large aggregate of benefit to the Indians.
2. Because of the diminished number & unimportant character of the Indian insurrections during this period
3. Because of the demoralizing influence of soldiers stationed among Indians
4. Because a very small part of the Indians are hostile, and it is a special injustice to peaceable men to place them under military control
5. Such transfer would indicate a want of confidence on the part of our nation in the civil administration & government.

Instead of the course proposed in the Bill, we advocate

1. The perfecting of the present system of civil management.

2. To extend civil law, by wise legislation, over all reservations, in such simple forms as may be adapted to the varying needs of the Indian communities.

3. To provide courts for the prompt administration of justice upon reservations, and also an adequate police force for the arrest & control of offenders.

"Signed by direction and on behalf of the "Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs", held in Baltimore the 13th & 15th of the 4mo. 1876"

John Butler    Aaron L. Johnson
Edward Earle    Francis T. King
Edward W. Howland    James E. Rhoads
Barnabas C. Hobbs    Benjamin Tatham

But the vote recently taken in the House of Representatives indicates that that body is in favor of the transfer. We still have hope that the Senate will not concur in such a retrograde measure. Should it do so, we shall be seriously embarrassed in our work for Indians, if not obliged to give it up entirely!
At the session of the executive committee held in Baltim

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4th Mo. 12th, the financial committee reported that it would be necessary to raise $4,500, to be apportion among the several Yearly Meetings. (The proportion of New England Yearly Meeting is $720)

The duty more especially devolved upon us by the Associated Executive Committee, of aiding & fostering the Mission & schools sustained within the limits of the Quapaw agency, has been our continued care during the year. The two schools assigned to us, viz., the Mission School, composed mainly of children of the Quapaw & Modoc tribes, and the small Peoria day school, have been continued as heretofore. The number enrolled in the former school has been 66, and the average attendance 56. Of the success of the school, and the advancement of the children in their studies, we have continued to receive encouraging assurances. Emmeline Tuttle, the teacher at the mission, writes: "We think their interest and progress quite as good as at any time previous". Among the more advanced children, twenty are now reported as engaged in mental arithmetic, eight in geography, & nine in history. Agent Jones says, "the schools in this agency are in a very satisfactory condition."

When the disadvantages of a strange language are considered, and that their commencement must be at the foot of the scale, not only of letters but of civilization, the progress of many of the pupils is surprising. Although the older children have left the School before anything like great scholarship has been attained, we have abundant evidence that the influence of the Mission, morally & mentally, has been highly beneficial to its inmates.

Emmeline Tuttle also writes, "the girls are divided into classes for work the same as for study & change their duties each week. They are becoming very serviceable, can do most kinds of housework, knit sew, and they are called upon whenever we can make them useful."

The boys are also quite useful in the conduct of the farm and are glad to be employed in the garden-work, in ploughing, weeding or in harvest. While circumstances have rendered it advisable to rent the larger portion of the 160 acres of land belonging to the Mission, the present year, there is still much to be done in the cultivation of the two acres of garden vegetables, 20 acres of wheat with a considerable area of oats, corn and clover. Thus the production of the needed supplies of vegetables, pork, butter and milk for the large family is made the means of employment & instruction in the highest degree essential to the developement & civilization of these untutored objects of our care.

With respect to the religious character of our charge we have much to encourage us. Emmeline Tuttle says, "Our First day School and meetings are full of interest, although at present we do not have as many (visitors) outside of the school as formerly, from the fact that four of the most prominent ones have died and a number of the others have gone to the Osages." At another time she writes, "We have had some precious meetings lately. Two Modoc women were here last First-day evening one of whom could not speak English. After I had spoken to the children a few moments he seemed touched, & said he wanted that interpreted. One of the girls acted as interpreter. When she had finished he said he liked that talk and wanted the children to remember it. He spoke with much feeling, and added, "When we are in camp every thing is dark, but here to-night it seems just like sun-rising."

Again under date of 1st mo. 22 she says, "One of our Quapaw men died a few days ago. He had been a constant attender of our meetings for several months, but did not understand English at all, so that all the information he obtained must go through an interpreter. When he came to die he said he had believed the gospel and accepted it and now Jesus was ready to take care of him, & his heart was very glad." E. Tuttle writes 5 mo. 30th The religious interest does not wane. Many interesting incidents have recently occurred to show that the children are growing in grace & in the knowledge of God."

Sickness has prevailed to an unusual extent in this

1876. agency during the year & the condition of some of the adults, as well as of the children, has drawn largely upon the care and sympathy of our friend sister Emmeline Tuttle. Four children have at different times been taken sick at the mission, and after having been removed to the camp have died there. Another case was that of one of the most promising Modoc boys, who grew suddenly ill with fever, but preferred remaining at the Mission and only lived six days. A devoted little Christian his religious & intellectual development had been marked and rapid. His greatest trouble was the thought that one day he would have to return to camp and live as Indians do. "But", writes E. Tuttle, "the Lord took him to a better country, where he will forever bask in the sunshine of eternal blessedness. The giving up of this dear child was a trial to us of no ordinary kind, as we expected much from him, and he had promised much."

The object of the committee in giving this account is to show the opportunity, which seemed providential of commending to these Indians the practice of Christian burial in contrast to their own custom. It had been their practice, upon the death of one of their number to wrap the body hastily in a blanket and, almost immediately, to burn the corpse, amid the loud wailing & lamentation of the relatives and friends. In this case, the mother of the boy was sent for but she did not reach the Mission until shortly before the death of her son. "The child", writes E. Tuttle, "could not recognize her, & never spoke afterwards. Her grief was such as a devoted mother only can feel. She told me, through an interpreter, of her dream just before; that the Great Spirit had come to her in the night & told her the child would die, and now she so much wanted to hear him say that he felt good. I made her understand that he had said that many times, and that he would soon be with Jesus in heaven, where he would never be sick or hungry any more, but would be forever happy. She said she believed that, and wanted to be good herself, so as to meet him there. but she felt so sorry in heart that she could not help crying. When we saw that the boy was dying, she took him in her arms and held him until he was gone when her grief almost overcame her. After the first outburst had a little subsided, I asked her to give the little body up to me & let me take care of it just as if it was my own little boy. This she was willing to do. Several of the larger children remained in the room and saw me close his eyes, wash his face & comb his hair. We dressed him neatly & placed him in a coffin. He was doubtless the first Modoc that was ever buried in that way. Then we took the corpse & accompanied the mother to the camp. The Indians saw us coming & started at once towards the spot selected for the burial place. As we neared them we could hear lamentations, weeping & mourning in every direction. Some fell prostrate, with their faces to the ground, and wept bitterly. The child was nephew to the head chief who is also interpreter; We placed the coffin on the ground and after waiting a few moments we told the chief, that if the people would become still, I would tell them about the little boy. He soon quieted them for they all wanted to hear the story. Then, the agent's son in law gave an account of the way the boy had been cared for. Then told them that I loved the child & that I had cried all day in my heart because I could not see him any more in this world. I gave the particulars of his sickness & death; that while he had lived he had loved the Lord & was prepared for heaven & I wanted them to live so that they might one day meet him there; that Jesus was able to save them, even the poor Modocs, who had passed through so many trials. When this was interpreted they all bowed their approval. Then the chief replied very pertinently, saying they were all satisfied that we had done the best we could. The coffin was then opened, & they thought he looked good. Then the chief shook hands with him & he was lowered to his final resting place" "I think it was right," added she, "that he should die here, that the Indians might learn how to bury their dead."

And thus amid many vicissitudes do our faithful

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and devoted agents perform their varied & important duties. We cannot recompense them, but at the resu
rection of the just their recompense is sure.

What may be the future of these people as respects the care and aid of the General Government we cannot tell, but may we remember them for good and help them as we have opportunity.

In conclusion, the committee desire that the Yearly Meeting may not lose sight of the respon
sibility which rests upon it in conducting this work, and their prayer is that each member may seriously consider his own position & duty respecting it, and see that no condemnation may come upon us from neglect of it.

For the committee

Edward Howland
Edward Earle

Committee of N.E. Yearly Meeting on account of Indians west of the Mississippi in Account with Geo. Howland, jr Treasurer Dr.

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| 1875, 6 mo. To balance from account of last year | $1.31 |
| To amt. rec'd from Smithfield | 67.60 |
| " " Sandwich | 168.64 |
| Winthrop Preparative Mtg | 24.19 |
| St. Albans " " | 1.44 |
| " from Swanzey | 10.00 |
| from Litchfield Prep. Meeting | 5.18 |
| " Salem Monthly " | 117.60 |
| " R.I. Quarterly Meeting | 184.00 |
| Weare Monthly " | 25.00 |
| To balance due the Treasurer | 75.01 |
| | $679.97 |

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| 1875, 11 mo, 24. By paid J. B. Bayliss, bill | $57.40 |
| " E. Packard bill | 77.00 |
| " Mo. C. Swift " | 28. |
| " Doane & Co. " | 8.20 |
| " Edward Haskell & Co " | 186.99 |
| P. Devoll & Son " | 104.10 |
| C. M. Eddy & Co. " | 10.50 |

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| By | Henry T. Wood's bill | $10.40 |
| " | C. D. Milliken bill | 20.47 |
| " | Sent A. C. Tuttle, to pay bill | 20. |
| | | $679.97 |

Errors excepted

George Howland, Jr. Treas<sup></sup>r of Committee

Newport, 6mo. 14. 1876

The reading of the report introduced the meeting into & awakened a renewed interest for the promotion & advancement of our brethren in the West. The report was acceptable & is satisfactory and we continue the committee on that service; & they are encouraged to use every opening for their advancement in Spiritual and temporal things. The treasurer is directed to place at the disposal of the committee eight hundred dollars. Names of Committee.- Joseph Cartland, Joseph E. Macomber, Sarah F. Tobey, Charles F. Coffin, Moses Sawyer, Ann Maria Coffin, Hannah B. Sawyer, Edward W. Howland, Henry T. Wood, Phebe [illegible], Rebecca Cover, Freeman Andrews, Charles A. Nichols, Jane C. Mitchell, Mary E. [illegible], Edward Earle, Richard Battey, Ann B. Earle, Abby S. Battey, John D. Davy, Charles R. Cates, Margaret R. Cates, Louisa F. Osborn, Amos C. Purinton, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Maria Purinton, Moses Bailey, Isaac W. Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Lavinia Briggs, Eli Jones, Thomas W. Buffum, Hannah J. Battey, Rebecca H. Smiley, Charles M. Bailey, Sarah Marble, Timothy B. Earle, Lydia Haight, Mary C. Sayles, George Howland, Jr. John H. Crosman, David Battey, Susan F. Thompson, Cynthia J. Earle, Anna C. Wood and Thomas Wood.

State of Society

The committee appointed for that service have produced the following interesting minute, which was read and direction was given that it be recorded:

Christian love and Christian fellowship were particularly dwelt upon, as distinguished from mere natural love & the fellowship of the world. Christian

1876. love springs from the life & love of Christ in the soul and which in embraces the world, seeking the salvation of all, it binds together in one body those only who are subject to him as the Head. Our Lord said to his disciples, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you", And again, "This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you". His love to us has been shown by his sympathy. When his followers were weary and pressed after by the multitudes," he called them apart to "rest awhile". We might sometimes do more by doing less. In retiring apart with the Lord, strengthened and renewed we are found fit for the work given us to do.

Christ's love to us has also been shown by sacrifice in enduring & suffering for our sakes. So should we be willing to spend and be spent, and to give up for one another what may be given up without compromise of the truth. In the spirit of sacrifice for others without self-seeking or self-pleasing, the Christian may be enabled to "run through a troop" of opposition, and "leap over a wall" of separation.

Again, the Master's love has been shown by his confidence in his followers, having compassion on their weakness and gathering and trusting them again after they have been overborne by temptation's tide & scattered from him. So has Christ loved us, and so should we love one another. So has he shown his love, and so should we show ours for one another, by sympathy and sacrifice and confidence. And in his Spirit we cannot feel indifference towards any. We can love the sinner while hating the sin.

With such love in our hearts to Christ and to our fellow-belivers and our fellow-men, we should go to our religious meetings, not only with a willingness, but with a desire to be employed in the use of our Lord's gifts. We are exhorted by an apostle to "follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that" we "may prophesy". Assembling thus with hearts prepared and devoted, relying upon the Lord putting forth by his Spirit, we believe he will grant fruitfulness and blessing to our meetings, inspiring ministry that shall be to edification, and prayer with and for one another, and praise from humble and grateful worshippers. The work of the ministry was referred to as a patient, ox-like service, uncomplaining, without haste, without release, refusing not the call of the Master to labor in any field. It was an unremitting and laborious ministry that was instrumental in the gathering of this Society from all classes of the people. They who are called to be fishers of men must learn the art, as well as receive the power to win souls. The means and methods of Christian working must be adapted to the end sought. But in this work, which is the Lord's, we are not left to mere human wisdom and judgement, and we cannot too often recur to our most distinguishing doctrine, that Christ is head over all to his church, to direct in all these things. And let us ever remember that among the first essentials of a living church are sound doctrine and holiness of life".

Impressive has been the appeal that we make this examination into the state of our Society a very personal and very searching one, by an individual inquiry as to our own spiritual condition. Some, may be lamenting the state of the church who have more need to lament their own state. Let the desire to see a better day for the church arouse us to do each our part, and to live the "life that answers life's great end."

The Saviour's own queries have been brought home to us, asking of some individually, "Have I been so long time with thee, and yet hast thou not known me?" and of others, "Lovest thou me?" And not a few (it may be) have been addressed by this inquiry, "Are ye able to drink of the cup that I drink of?" The vessels of honor in the Lord's house which are prepared unto every good work must first be moulded by his hand and then pass through the fire. There is service of suffering for the Lord's children to fill up, and "judgment must begin at the house of God".

1876. Parents were encouraged to faithfulness in the discharge of a responsibility which they cannot lay off upon others. Before they can lead the children in the right way, they must know it themselves. Let the children be early impressed with the need of a new heart; and of prayer for it. They often feel this when very young through the witness of the Holy Spirit. When parents have done their part in teaching them they may commit their children to him who is mighty to save, as they go out first to school & then into the world, trusting that he will not fail to care for them & that he will not suffer them to be tempted beyond what he will enable them to bear

## Representative Meeting

The representatives from our Quarterly Meetings propose the names of the following Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting for the ensuing year. The names thus brought forward are approved by this and also the women's meeting; Names,- Thomas Hathaway, George Bowen, Gertrude W. Cartland, Anna S. Dennis, William C. Newhall, Chas H. Coffin, Abigail M. Hanson, Hannah B. Sawyer, George Howland, Jr. Charles R. Tucker, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Susan S. Thompson, George Douglass, Augustus F. Coy, S. Jane Coy; Elizabeth A. Douglass Richard Battey, Ann B. Earle, Anna H. Colton, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Mary C. Jones, Sarah W. Goddard, Jacob W. Purinton, Samuel Buffum Elmina B. Buffum, Lydia E. Jenkins, Moses Bailey, Reuben S. Jones, Phebe P. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, Perez Peck, George Richardson, Edward W. Howland, Augustine Jones, Thomas H. Wade William C. Taber, Benjamin Buffum, Samuel R. Buffinton, Matthew Howland, Edward Earle Ebenezer Frye, Joseph Cartland, Henry S. Howland Samuel Jones, Moses Sawyer, Stephen Jones Thomas Folsom.

H. H. Mosher Fund.

The following Friends are appointed to disburse the income from the H. H. Mosher Fund.—

Henry T. Wood, Samuel R. [illegible], J. Albert Paige, Rebecca W. Smiley, Gertrude W. [illegible] and Phebe S. Gifford.

Freedmen. The friends set apart on the concern of this meeting on behalf of the freed people, who for a long time have claimed our earnest solicitude, present the following annual report. To the Yearly Meeting

The committee in charge of the fund for freed people report that the agreement entered into two years with Indiana Yearly Meeting has been carried into effect. We have furnished the funds for the expenses of the Maryville Normal ~~School~~ Institute in East Tennessee, and they have given us a written agreement which will entitle this Yearly Meeting to a deed of the property at the expiration of three years, if the meeting so desires, in accordance with the minute of our last Yearly Meeting. The agreement is herewith committed and may be read if the meeting wishes it.

No member of the committee appointed last year has been able to visit the Institute, which we much regret; therefore our knowledge of its condition is not as full as we could wish, only such as we have obtained from the corresponding Secretary of Indiana Yearly Meeting. At the opening of the school in the 9th month, the report was as follows:

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| Whole number of Scholars enrolled . . | 69 |
| Average attendance | 43 |
| No. of teachers in Normal Class | 12 |
| Boarding in the building | 2 |
| Cost of board to Students | $2. per week |
| No. in primary chart 16, Reading from book | 53 |
| Oral Spelling 42, Written & oral Spelling combined | 27 |
| Oral Arithmetic 21, Robinson's Rudiments 1 | 10 |
| Practical " 12, Mental Arithmetic | 23 |
| Elementary Algebra 2, Holbrook's English Grammar etc | 6 |
| Training Class in English Grammar | 20 |
| "Van Antwerp's Eclectic Geography No. 1" & "No. 2", | |
| Penmanship | 34 |

As the School commenced in 9th Month, and the

1876. annual report is made to Indiana Yearly Meeting we cannot have a full report for this year until that time. The report for 10th month gives the whole number as 70, average 50, normal class 15; an increase over the previous month. It is also stated in that report that several of the normal class had become members of the Society of Friends, and that 12 Students are teaching Schools in Tennessee, Georgia and Virginia.

Interest has also been kept up in the girls attending Howard University, and a little money has been [illegible] there

Edward W. Howland, Chairman

Newport, 6th mo. 13. 1876.

Edw. W. Howland, Chairman to the Freedman's Fund in Acct

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| 1875. 6 mo. 10th Balance on hand | $4.283.00 |
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| 1876. 6 mo. 13th Paid Joseph Dickinson for the Maryville School in Tennessee | $1207.42 |
| Paid towards on girl in the Normal School at Washington | 30. |
| Balance on hand | $3045.58 |
| | $4283 |

Errors Excepted Edw. W. Howland, Chairman

Which is accepted by this meeting and all their doings are approved, and again we commit this concern to the same committee for the ensuing year and desire to express to them words of encouragement. Names of Committee, Edward W. Howland, Benjamin Buffum, Ellen H. Buffum, Edward Earle, Ann B. Earle and Susan Taber Thompson.

Stock - The representatives have proposed the following apportionment of stock among our Quarterly Meetings, to wit; Rhode Island 23 per cent; Salem 17 per cent, Sandwich 35; Falmouth 4 per cent; Smithfield 5 per cent; Vassalboro 5 per cent; Dover 4 per cent; Fairfield 7 per cent; which is approved by the meeting.

Treasury — The committee appointed to audit and settle the treasurer's account and for other purposes as set forth in the minute of appointment, submit the following report

To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, to propose a sum to be raised for the ensuing year & to nominate a Friend for Treasurer, and another for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, have attended to their appointment and report as follows, viz.

Receipts

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| Cash balance on hand as per last report | $2,814.75 |
| Rec'd from the several Quarterly Meetings (Vassalboro Qr. being short of its quota $68) | 3,432. |
| Interest on Boston city bonds | 300 |
| Principal of Boston city bonds, matured | 10,000 |
| Interest on Rail-road bonds | 48. |
| Dividend on Eagle Bank Stock, Providence | 150 |
| Books of Discipline sold | 10.50 |
| Interest on note of Matthew Howland | 250. |
| Proceeds of sale of house in Worcester, from estate of Luke Aldrich | 4,000. |
| Thomas Hastings proceeds of land taken by city of Providence for streets, &c. | 28,000.30 |
| Proceeds of Treasurer's note discounted | 982.12 |
| | $49,988.67 |

Payments

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| Traveling expenses of Friends from the Eastern Quarterly Meetings in attendance at Yearly Meeting | $376.00 |
| Sundry expenses at Newport 6 mo. 1875 | 630.74 |
| Legal expenses | 511.30 |
| Rent of Wesleyan Hall, Boston | 450. |
| Recording Minutes & Epistles | 37.40 |
| Printing & binding | 446.80 |
| Postage & Express | 18.69 |
| Cushions for Wesleyan Room | 965.92 |
| Expenses of Eli Jones to Syria & return | 625.46 |
| Appropriated & Expended by Indian Committee | 510. |
| Committee on Penobscot & Passamaquoddy Indians | 42.50 |
| Committee to visit Friends in Nova Scotia, &c | 137.06 |

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| Committee on Secular Education | $430. |
| Committee on Temperance | 251.32 |
| Treasurer's Note paid | 1,000. |
| Treasurer's Notes in Boarding School acct | 15,061.89 |
| " " " " " | 7,000. |
| Interest " " " | 57.97 |
| City of Providence " " " | 537.96 |
| Sundries " " " | 490.70 |
| Cash balance now on hand | $20,294.94 |
| | 49,988.67 |

Of this cash balance $20,294.94 $10000 belongs to the Buildin Meeting house fund, which we recommend be safely invested and held as a separate fund; $4000 is the amount received to date of the legacy from the estate of Luke Aldrich which we recommend be paid to the Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund; also the unexpended part of $4,811.98 of the proceeds of land taken by the city of Providence, leaving a balance of $1,482.96 available for general expenses of the Yearly Meeting.

The expenditures are all properly vouched for, the indebtedness of the Yearly Meeting has all been paid off as above stated. We propose that the sum of $3000 be raised for the use of the meeting the ensuing year, that George Howland Jr. be appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting and Thomas Hartness treasurer of Boarding School Fund

For the committee

Newport, 6mo. 14, 1876 Owen Dame

Which was read and approved by the meeting and George Howland, Jr. is reappointed our Treasurer [of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Hartness Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund omit this within the brackets] for the ensuing year; & our Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to him their respective proportions of $3000, in accordance with the apportionment agreed upon at this Yearly Meeting, to meet its current expenses for the ensuing year. Thomas Hartness is re-appointed treasurer of the Boarding School fund. Charles F. Coffin & Edward W. Howland are appointed to assist the Treasurer in investing the sum of $10,000 as recommended in the report.

Peace. The committee upon the subject of Peace have submitted the following report, to wit:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee on the concern of this meeting for the spread of universal peace, report, that, as in former years efforts have been made to distribute reading matter illustrative of the principles of peace. Persons of thoughtful and reflective minds are found in almost every walk in life to whom this important subject is not only interesting but who are ready to give it careful consideration. Beyond this means however, of endeavoring to strengthen and encourage a peace sentiment in the community, but little has been attempted during the year. A meeting was held in New Bedford on the 2d instant called a mothers' meeting, in the interest of peace which several of our number attended and helped to make interesting. In some other localities of our country, Christian women are now engaged to hold these anniversary meetings, which we hope are instrumental in creating a sound public opinion and sentiment within their respective circles. The balance of money remaining in our hands at our last report $154.74 has not been expended. On behalf of the committee

Timothy B. Hussey

Newport 6th mo. 15th 1876. Sylvia C. Howland

And the care and labor extended by them during the past year to advance this interesting engagement is satisfactory to this meeting, and we again commit this subject to the care and keeping of the same committee with the exception of one friend removed out of this Yearly Meeting, with desires that a blessing may be witnessed from time to time as they go forward in this work. Names of Committee.

Isaac Macomber, Charles H. Chase, Arthur Parker, Francis H. Collins, James H. Earle, George C. [illegible], Samuel C. Nichols, Abraham [illegible], John [illegible] Tucker, Henry A. [illegible], John A. Macomber, Meltiah Gifford, Nathan J. Sheppard, Lewis M. Douglass, Silas H. Cartland, Henry Robinson

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Charles F. Andrews, William C. Munroe, Arnold E. Phelp Stephen A. Randall, George H. Pope, George H. Moulton, Cyrus Everett Jones, Albert C. Hill, Ira T. Jenkins, Charles F. Hanley, Joseph T. Richardson, Albert H. Pinkham, Isaac Winslow, Mary W. Jones, Joanna Peck, Maria Buffinton, Mercy P. Babcock, Eliza Ann Chase, Mary J. Rogers, Rebecca P. Breed, Mary Hoag, Sarah L. Brown, Angelina Gilley, Hannah R. Gifford, Alice R. Slocum, Elizabeth C. Ewer, Esther [illegible] Phebe R. Cartland, Elizabeth P. Nichols, Lydia Ann Cartland, Alice R. Cranston, Ella Clemens, Sarah J. Hinds, Eliza A. Taber, Julia Jones, Sarah J. Cole, Lydia E. Sawyer, Almira B. Buffum, Hepsa S. Hoxie, Lucy C. Briggs and Elma Winslow.

The Epistle to London Yearly Meeting was read and approve

Adjourned to 9 o'clock on 6th day morning the 16th

Sixth day morning, the Yearly Meeting again assembl

Penobscot & Passamaquoddy Indians

The committee appointed last year to whom was committed the long-standing concern of this meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot & Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, have laid before us the following account:

To the Yearly Meeting

The committee to care for the Passamaquoddy & Penobscot Indians report that both tribes have been visited this year and full details gleaned of their moral, social & educational position being the first direct tidings from the Passamaquoddies during the past 25 years! The Penobscots are steadily improving in domestic comforts as well as social & moral positi They are abundantly subsidized by the State, the last grant being nearly $8000, with an income of $1,145 from rents of the shores of their islands, an with $450 school money annually. Thus the tempo ral wants of the tribe are amply supplied. Their Oldtown school had a more successful term last ye but would bear improvement. Tribe numbers 420 reside

The less favored Passamaquoddy tribe, with 516. Indians have but a total income of $4,500, or abou one half that of the Penobscots & only $300 school mon Industry, honesty & temperance characterize this interesting tribe. They are a devotional people, and in every way demand the interest of Friends. Their Pleasant Point school is a creditable one; their school at Dana's Point can be raised to a level with the former and many suggestions made your committee if carried out, at a small outlay coupled with an appeal to the State government of Maine, would aid in raising them through their schools morally as well as intellectually. It seems desirable to have the efforts of Friends mainly directed to this neglected and interesting tribe. The great depression in their basket trade has been a sad misfortune to them.

The religion of both tribes we cannot successfully intermeddle with. It is mixed with tradition and ritualism, but Christ Jesus is the firm foundation of their profess, and they hail him as "God over all". Decided advances in total abstinence mark both tribes and many of them are strong advocates of the cause.

On behalf of the committee
Geo. Richardson
Newport, 6th mo. 13th 1876. Sarah A. Holmes

Which being read was satisfactory and interesting and the subject is again committed to the same committee with the addition of Stephen N. Tabor; and they are encouraged to use every opening for the advancement of these our eastern friends and brothers. Names of Committee

Stephen Jones, John D. Lang, James B. Congdon, Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Timothy Hanson, George Richardson, Josiah Philbrook, Paul King, Augustine Jones, Edward Earle, Joseph Briggs, Stephen N. Tabor, Hannah J. Bailey, Sarah A. Holmes, Harriet S. Jones, Peace Jones, Martha E. Hall, Sarah M. Richardson, S. Narcissa Jack and Gertrude W. Cartland.

Essays of Epistles were now read, addressed to the Yearly Meetings of Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas; the one to London having been read last evening; Also one to the Monthly Meeting at Brummana on Mt. Lebanon which includes the little company of Christian believers connected with the Mission established

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by us in connection with our English friends. The clerk is directed to revise and sign them on our behalf and forward to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to sign, on behalf of this meeting, the following minute for our friend Rebecca Collins; and similar ones for Phebe Ann Sands, Emily E. Drake, Rachel Binford, [illegible] G. Valliant, Daniel Hill, Robert W. Douglass, David Douglass, Elkanah Beard, John T. Pennington, Samuel A. Clark, Nathan H. Clark, Barnabas C. Hobbs and William Wetherald. –

– Our beloved friend Rebecca Collins attended this meeting; her company and religious services have been acceptable to us. –

He is also directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for Amy R. Wilbur, & a similar one for Melissa J. Pennington. –

Our beloved friend Amy R. Wilbur attended this meeting; her company has been acceptable to us.

The following communication from Salem Monthly Meeting has been received by us through the Representative Meeting, viz.;

Lynn, 6th Mo. 7th 1876.

To the Representative Meeting

Dear friends, – On behalf of Salem Monthly Meeting we desire to ask your advice in relation to what the Yearly Meeting has determined shall be our method of procedure in certain matters, viz.:

Is the appointment of treasurer, correspondent, auditors &c. valid and legal when made by the men's meeting alone, or does it require the action of the women's meeting in concurrence or otherwise.

Are the signatures of all the Overseers of a Monthly Meeting, men and women, necessary to the validity of a deed in conveyance of real estate &c.

Moses F. Rogers  James P. Boyce
Joseph S. Nichols  Owen Dame

This was read, and after deliberate consideration it was the judgement of Friends that it be referred to our Representative Meeting for the examination of all legal enactments bearing upon the subject, to report to this meeting next year.

Our clerk is directed to cause 2100 copies of the minutes of this meeting to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in the usual proportions, and William C. Taber is appointed to advise with him in the accomplishment of this work.

The attention of this meeting was called to the exposition which is now in progress in Philadelphia, and to the action of the commissioners relative to closing the doors upon the first day of the week. The clerks were requested to present an address to the Commissioners expressive of our approval of their course in this respect and of our earnest desire that the Christian observance of that day may be continued.

To the Commissioners of the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia!

The contemplation of this great exposition calls to mind the exclamation of the Psalmist of old; "O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches". While we remember with gratitude the goodness of our Heavenly Father whose [illegible] hand [illegible] is displayed in the development of our favored country, we feel bound also to consider our obligations to him, and we fervently desire that our character as a Christian nation may be maintained before the world.

Under these feelings we commend and approve the action of the Commissioners in closing the Exposition on the first day of the week, and we earnestly hope that their hands may be strengthened in this act of public recognition not only of the day set apart for the worship of our Almighty Creator & Redeemer, but also of our allegiance to him.

On behalf of the meeting
Charles R. Tucker }
Gertrude W. Gartland } Clerks

The business of this Yearly Meeting claiming our attention has been accomplished. Love and unity have prevailed, & the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ who is "Head over all things to his church," has been witnessed in our midst, from sitting to sitting, and while we rejoice in His mercy and love, we bless His holy name.

And now, under this precious covering we conclude, proposing to meet at the usual time next year at Portland, Maine, if the Lord permit.

On behalf of the meeting

Charles R. Tucker
Clerk

## Epistles

### From the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held in Rhode Island A.D. 1876.

To London Yearly Meeting

Dear friends

Your acceptable epistle of the fifth month was received during the session of this meeting. The expression of fraternal regard & the interest you have taken in the subjects that have claimed our attention were encouraging to us, and we have felt incited to more diligence in the work of our Lord, that with his guidance and help we might be enabled to persevere in whatever service he may be pleased to call us unto.

Our meeting has not been as large as usual but the dear Master has given us many evidences of his continued regard; and, although trials are not wanting to us, yet the consolations of His love have not been withheld.

We have also felt encouraged from noticing in your epistle that some of your members had found service for their Lord in calling the poor and neglected ones from the streets and lanes of your great city to the feast of the Great King. He who came to seek & to save the lost, which mission was especially to the poor—to bind up the broken-hearted—to preach deliverance to the captives and the opening of the prison-doors to them who are bound, has, indeed, a service in the present day as well as in the days of his sojourn on earth, for them who love him; and they will be blessed who in the fulness of that love carry the glad tidings of the gospel and supply the temporal as well as the spiritual wants of the destitute ones out of the abundance of the Lord's treasury. And if the Lord's table was to be thus filled, should we not look to the same source to replenish the ranks of the church? Should not they who are thus favored of our common Lord be admitted to fellowship by the followers of the meek & lowly Jesus? May the dear Master bless your work in this direction and give to the workers abundant sheaves for their service.

Our efforts in connection with our brethren & other Yearly Meetings for the civilization & Christianization of the various Indian tribes in the Western portion of our country, have, we believe, been made a blessing to these poor people and the reports their [illegible] from time to time have deeply interested us. The improvement of the children in our mission school, has in most instances been marked & rapid. Indeed, when we consider that they come to us with a strange language, and that their commencement is at the very elements not only of letters but of civilization their progress is surprising. We have also confirming evidence of the truth of one of the prominent doctrines of our Christian profession in the fact that long before these Indians have learned our language the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of both children and adults has been manifested, so that, under its sanctifying power, numbers have been enabled to live godly lives in Christ Jesus, and others to die in the triumph of Christian faith.

We are not without apprehension respecting the future of these scattered tribes, and regard as imminent the transfer of the Indian Bureau to the War Department by the General Government. Should this be effected, we have reason to fear that our efforts

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will be greatly embarrassed if not wholly frustrated. May heavenly wisdom and true Christian sympathy guide our endeavors

Our beloved friend Stanley Pumphrey, from your Yearly Meeting is acceptably in attendance of this meeting

Brethren, farewell. We greatly desire that in these last days, when trials and tribulations as well as our dear Lord's choicest blessings abound, we may all dwell in unity and love and in the patient waiting for Christ.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting

Charles R. Fuller Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland

Dear friends

We have again the privilege of saluting you in brotherly love in reply to your epistle of 5th month last read at this time. Other tokens of love and unity have also been received from other Yearly Meetings on this continent & from London.

We have been brought into close fellowship with our friends in Great Britain at this time, by the company of our beloved brother Stanley Pumphrey at our meeting, and are also interested in hearing of your welfare by our friend Eli Jones who was so lately with us.

The [illegible] reports presented in our [illegible] have been satisfactory, showing an increasing interest amongst us in the mission of the church in spreading the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Our Bible Schools report an increase during the past year, and that half of our membership take part in these schools.

Series of meetings have been held in a number of our smaller communities. Thus far the work has been made a blessing not only to the neighborhoods in which they have been held, but also to the church at large. A committee has been again set apart and encouraged to continue this interesting service. We rejoice to find that [illegible] see the necessity of having clean hands as regards the use or sale of intoxicating liquors, and the staying the onward progress of this terrible evil, the cause of so much crime and misery. This is a subject on which the church should speak with no uncertain sound, remembering the Scriptural warning, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink that putteth thy bottle to

The subject of Peace has again engaged our attention. The subject. The Secretary of the Peace Association of Friends in America who is in attendance at our meeting has been successfully engaged for some weeks past in spreading this interesting question before the General Conferences of other denominations and thus hundreds of ministers of the gospel have been evidently impressed with the importance of this subject.

The report of our Committee on Indian concerns has brought these poor people near to our hearts. A number of them through the instrumentality of our mission laborers have been brought into the near relationship of fellow heirs with us in the household of Christ. What may yet be in store for these scattered tribes as regards the action of our Government in transferring the Indian Bureau to the War Department we cannot tell, but we desire, in constraining love, to sympathize with them in their need and continue our [illegible] doth good.

The consideration of the religious condition of our body, as it appears by the answers to the queries, has drawn us into sympathy with our small meetings & those in isolated positions. We have appointed a joint committee to visit our isolated meetings and also such of our members as need the sympathy & encouragement of their friends.

1876. Our meeting has been smaller than usual; but whilst many of our aged friends have been taken from the church militant, we can thankfully acknowledge that our Great Head is qualifying others especially amongst the youth to fill their places.

While the many weighty concerns of the church have claimed our attention, we have been mindful of the constant need of more than human help and guidance, & we have desired, as little children, to trustingly place our hand in that of of our heavenly Guide, to heed with care his timely check to our untempered zeal or his gentle intimations of duty. A loving child heeds not the fear of the rod, to oblige him to obey the tender Father, and we would joyfully serve him who has so loved us and who is, indeed, no hard master. To him be all the praise

We are, in love, your friends & brethren

Signed on behalf & by direction of the meeting

## To New York Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

We salute you in the love of the gosp and bid you God speed in every good word & work.

Your very acceptable epistle of the present mont has been received and read; which with similar greetings from all our dear friends in this land (wit the exception of one Yearly Meeting) and also from tho across the mighty ocean have been comforting & cheeri to us. We have, at this time, the very acceptable companionship of several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings whose words of love & Christian exhortation have revived our drooping spirits & have animated u to gird on anew our armor and battle for our Lord.

Our business has been conducted in much love and harmony, and although the meeting has not been as large as usual, it has, we think, been owned by "the Master of Assemblies", and has been blessed to many who are in attendance. While we miss from their accustomed seats many of our dear aged fathers, we are cheered and encouraged by the presence of many young friends who by their solid deportment & by their interest and participation in the active duties incident to the meeting give evidence that they are under the hand of the Lord, preparing for usefulness in his church.

The reports of the committees on the various concerns which claim our attention, have been satisfactory & interesting; that from our committee for correspondence with English Friends on Foreign Missions presents the work on Mt. Lebanon as being in a flourishing condition, several schools being in successful operation giving instruction to about three hundred children. The opposition to our enterprise there, which was so marked a feature in its earlier days, has been in a great measure overcome, and our members are now enjoying to a considerable degree the confidence and support of those around them.

One of our committee, in company with two English Friends of a similar committee, has spent several months during the past winter at Brumana. The accounts of the Mission and of the progress made have been very encouraging & have incited us to press forward in the work trusting and hoping that it may redound to the glory of God and to the promotion and advancement of his kingdom in that distant land.

It may be interesting to you to know that a Monthly Meeting has been organized at Brumana, which at last account comprised eight members all connected with our mission, with a prospect of further increase. Three meetings for worship are held in as many villages in the neighborhood of the mission with an attendance varying from 106 to 150 persons, natives of that country.

It is the conclusion of this meeting, unless some insuperable objection presents itself to our Representative meeting to hold its sessions next year at the city of Portland in the State of Maine.

In conclusion, dear friends, let us remember that if we sow beside all waters, we shall, in due time, reap if we faint not

With the salutation of love we remain your friends

Signed on behalf & by direction of the meeting
[illegible]
Clerk

O.J. Way did not open for this meeting to unite with the proposition from Western Yearly Meeting, for a general conference

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

At this our annual assembly we have been again greeted by Epistles of gospel fellowship from our brethren of other Yearly Meetings among which is yours of 10th Mo. last. We have also been comforted and encouraged by the presence & ministrations of a number of laborers in the Lord's vineyard whose feet have been directed hitherward in gospel love under the guidance of the great Head of the church. These blessings we feel bound gratefully to acknowledge.

Our meetings have not been as fully attended as usual, but the living presence of the dear Master has not been withheld from us, and we can say from the overflowings of a full heart that the Lord is indeed good, and that his tender mercies are over all his works. Under the blessed covering of the Holy Spirit of our God, we have communed together of the work & service allotted to us, with desires that the labor of our hands might be of his appointment and be accepted of him.

The success of the mission among the inhabitants of Mount Lebanon in drawing numbers of them to attend the simple service of our mode of divine worship, and the interest taken by so m [illegible] in the working of the Holy Spirit, [illegible] greatly encouraged us in the work. Upon the very spot where the English and American mission is now located, the authorities of the town, 50 years ago, at the instigation of an idolatrous priesthood gathered and burned all the bibles which they could procure.

It was declared by our Lord himself while personally on earth, as a proof that he was indeed the promised Messiah, that "to the poor the gospel is preached," and it is also stated that "the common people heard him gladly". A wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit accompanied the preaching & the conversion of thousands to the faith, and their acceptance of the gospel was the result. Should not this, and the abundant evidence of modern times encourage us to redouble our efforts, under the same blessed guidance & direction and in the power of him who ruleth over all things to his Church, to bring the ignorant and the [illegible] under the influence of the gospel of Christ; not to benefit them in their outward condition merely but to make them to know and acknowledge the dear Son of God to be their Savior and also to bring them into church fellowship with us and thereby strengthen them in their Christian course? And are not they who are admitted to the marriage-supper of the Lamb, who sit at his table clad in the robe of Christ's righteousness certainly qualified for church membership with their fellow-believers, however circumstances?

The benefits of a guarded education to our children with the extension of bible-teaching in our First day Schools; the improvement of the condition of the Indian tribes, especially those under the care of Friends; the sad & sorrowful effects of intemperance, that so prevail around us, and the manifold evils & desolations of war have each claimed our attention at this time & we have greatly desired that we might be earnestly engaged in fostering every good word and work & to avoid every-thing that our Heavenly Father has a controversy with.

We learn with interest, from your letter, of the various Christian enterprises in which you are engaged

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and we desire your encouragement in this labor of love.

Finally, beloved brethren, if we have the comforting assurance that, through the atoning blood of Christ we have been redeemed from sin, may you and we earnestly endeavor, by consecrated lives and willing service, to "show forth the praises of him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light"

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Charles R. Parker
Clerk

P.S. Way did not open for this meeting to unite with the proposition from Western Yearly Meeting for a general Conference

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends,

[illegible] no bounds we greet you, desiring that you and we "might be filled with all the fulness of God"

Our hearts were made glad in the reading of your epistle of 11th month last; that you were incited again to remember us. How sweet is this fellowship. The Lord delights in it. And now gathered in our annual assembly we desire to encourage you in your "work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of God and our Father; knowing brethren beloved, our election of God" Let us render thanksgiving and praise for what Christ has done. The Lord has sent to us, at this time, many messengers of "glad tidings"; among them our honored friend Stanley Pumphrey, whose presence & service cheered our hearts.

Our meeting has been smaller than usual, and many of our aged friends are absent, some from sickness and others have fallen asleep.

No marked [illegible] are brought to light in answering the state of society. Still Christ has met with us and blessed us. What a blessing we have in him

He has promised to the simple child of faith, qualification for every service, even "power" through the Holy Ghost.

Our meeting has taken a lively interest in the subjects of guarded secular education, First-day Schools, General Meetings, total abstinence from the use of intoxicating beverages and our mission work in Syria. Our dear friend Eli Jones has just returned from a visit in that land. Our English friends are associated with us in this mission. A Monthly Meeting of eight members has been organized, meetings for worship are attended by [illegible] to two hundred and fifty of the people of that country. The schools are attended by about three hundred children. The report of our committee on Indian concerns was deeply interesting to us; and while the future of this poor people is still very uncertain, we desire to embrace every opening still to do them good.

The fields are white with ripened grain
Art thou a reaper enter in nor idly waiting stand;

Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Dear Friends farewell

Signed in behalf of the meeting

Charles K Tucker Clerk

P.S. Way did not open for this meeting to unite with the proposition from Western Yearly Meeting for a general conference

To Ohio Yearly Meeting

Dear friends

We salute you in the love of the gospel of Christ. Your very acceptable epistle was received and read to our edification, and is another token of that love which binds together the members of the church of Christ. We believe this epistolary correspondence is indeed one means by which we may encourage and help to build each other up in the most

1876. our faith. And may you with us, coming unto Him, as unto a living stone, the only true foundation, knowing & being established in Him our great and ever-living Head. "Unto you, therefore, who believe He is precious." We have at this time the privilege of welcoming amongst us several of the Lord's servants from different Yearly Meetings. The love of Christ has been largely dwelt upon, and we have been tenderly reminded not to despise the day of small things, "First the blade then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear". How careful we should be to encourage every right offering whether it be from those young in age and experience or from those of riper years. God wants love; and it is not enough for us to possess it, but we should show it to all around us, thus gathering to Christ. Let us have "fervent charity among ourselves" & let each work in the harvest field of the Lord as he may be led by the good Master.

We were encouraged to labor earnestly for the early conversion of our children, first giving ourselves to him and then, in trustful confidence we can commit the keeping of our little ones into his hands. Let us go to him day by day for that wisdom which if any of us lack we may "ask of God who giveth to all men liberally"; "in all things showing thyself a pattern of good works"

The importance of Bible instruction still claims our serious attention and we earnestly desire to press steadily forward in this very important work knowing this to be a fruitful means of good in building up the church. The growing evils of Intemperance have awakened our earnest solicitude and we feel that the only safe way is to abstain entirely even from the so called milder drinks. Our mission work in Syria in connection with English Friends has, indeed, been blessed of the Lord not only to the recipients in a foreign land, but abundantly to those who have aided in the work at home verifying the precious truth, "He that watereth shall be watered also himself."

And now, unto him who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever, Amen.

Signed in and on behalf of the meeting

Charles R. Tucker Clerk

P.S. Way did not open for this meeting to unite with the proposition from Western Yearly Meeting for a [illegible]

To Indiana Yearly Meeting

Dear friends We greet you with the salutation of love as brothers in Christ, children of the same family and household of faith, & gratefully appreciate your good wishes for us that the peace of God which passeth all understanding may keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. It is well for the soldiers of the cross to cheer one another on their heavenward journey, and, encouraging for the race divine, become helpers one of another in the Lord. Epistles of kind remembrance and love have been received from our brethren in Great Britain Ireland, from our American Friends and the little band of Christians on Mount Lebanon in Syria, all glowing with Christian love and speaking the same language that the Lord's ransomed & blood-bought children have learned at the foot of the cross. Our faith is strong that the era which is now dawning will be the brightest that this world has ever seen. The present facilities for traveling & the rapid interchange of thought seem to bring the ends of the earth near to each other, and never in the history of the world has there been such an opportunity for labor in the harvest-field of the Lord. May the soldiers of the cross come up in a glorious line of battle against the powers of death & darkness, and assist in hastening the day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord & of his Christ. The education of our children, peace, temperance, foreign missions, the freedmen & the Indians continue to receive our care; & interesting & encouraging reports have been received from our committees on all these objects of our attention, giving renewed evidence of vitality in the church. A large number of the Lord's

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We were reminded that if we would make our meetings attractive to the young people, we must show our love for them & praise the Lord that he "has done great things for us whereof we are glad". We are having "a good meeting with times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord," We bid you God speed in this good work & [illegible] and are your friends and brethren in Christ.

Farewell,

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Charles R Tucker
Clerk

P. S. Way did not open for the meeting to unite with the proposition from Western Yearly Meeting for a general conference.

To Western Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends

Under a continued sense of the love and mercy of our Heavenly Father, we have been permitted to assemble once more at our accustomed place of meeting, to deliberate upon the concerns of the church and transact the business, which has been brought before us. We have gratefully to acknowledge that the dear Master has been present during the several sessions of the meeting, so that many hearts have found fitting expression in the words of the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits". We have been favored with the company of gospel messengers from various other places, including that of a dear brother from Great Britain, who have published among us the glad tidings of salvation thro' a once crucified but now risen & glorified Savior. Their ministry has been refreshing to many souls.

The subjects of temperance, the education of youth, Bible schools and missionary work at home & abroad have again claimed our serious attention. We have been reminded that the church of Christ must wage an aggressive warfare & carry the gospel to every tribe & nation. Those who are desirous of working for the dear Redeemer will find vast fields of labor, widening before them and as they become willing to abide under His teaching He will prepare and qualify them to preach the gospel to a sinful world and be instrumental in gathering souls into the kingdom. Earnest have been our desires that the deficiencies existing among us may be removed, that each individual may be faithful to the manifestations of duty, & thus the whole body attain such a degree of prosperity in the blessed truth as it never before experienced! Your letter together with those from other branches of our common brotherhood, has been received and read to our edification. While we sympathize with you in your regret at the prevalence of intemperance and infidelity, we would on the other hand express the view that there is no reason for great discouragement. Since the early days of Christianity, good & evil have existed side by side; but thanks to our dear Lord & Master, he has seen meet to preserve a living church through all the ages, that has proclaimed his love & mercy and invited sinners to come, taste and see that the Lord is good. "The light shineth in darkness & the darkness comprehendeth it not." The powers of darkness will never prevail over the trusting followers of Christ. With the salutation of love we remain your friends

(Signed on behalf of the meeting

Charles R Tucker Clerk

P.S. Way did not open for this meeting to unite with the proposition from yours for a general conference

To Iowa Yearly Meeting

Dear brethren

We have again been permitted by the great Head of the church to remember you in sympathy and Christian love, at this our annual meeting.

We have been encouraged and made to rejoice in your kind remembrance and tender regard towards us, and by the account of your prosperity & concern in gathering souls into the fold of Christ our Savior. We have been made sensible that our coming together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit & in the name of Christ has indeed proved to be a feast to our souls. The presence of the Great Head of the church full of blessings has been signally realized in our midst. As we have endeavored to bring all the tithes & offerings into his rich storehouse & prove him herewith, we can say, in truth,

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that he has favored us with a rich blessing. It is also cause of rejoicing to us that our Heavenly Father has been pleased to send so many of his gospel ministers from other parts of his heritage, & that He has blessed the word preached to the accomplishing of that whereto he sent it, to the edification of our souls in the most holy faith.

Increased interest has been manifested in the various concerns of the church, & we have realized the fulfillment of the declaration "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask it of God who giveth to all men liberally".

From the reports received of the state of Society, we have been brought deeply to regret the failures in coming up to the standard of truth as it is laid down in the Holy Writ, & the lack of a cheerful compliance with the reasonable requirements of our discipline.

The meeting has been much exercised that we collectively as a church should not only watch unto prayer but that we may individually look steadfastly to the guiding hand of our Master, & faithfully follow Him in all his requirings, that we may know of a deeper growth in grace and in the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. The very important subject of temperance has claimed our serious attention at this time, & the query has come up very forcibly unto us, "What can we do to stay the awful tide of intemperance that is making such sad ravages in our land". We have felt that the only effectual remedy for the alarming evil rests in individual faithfulness in carrying out our blessed Lord's injunction, "Go ye into all the world & preach the gospel to every creature." We have been incited to the necessity of united concentrated efforts of all the different branches of the church of Christ to help forward this great work; & may it be our individual concern & earnest prayer that we may come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty & the pulling down of the strong holds of this terrible evil which causes death to so many precious souls. The subject of foreign mission work has also been brought before us with renewed interest. By the report of the committee on this subject & also by the statements given by our dear friend Eli Jones who has recently returned from Syria, bringing with him encouraging reports of the mission there and of the schools under its care.

A training School for boys has recently been opened in connection with the work, which under the blessing of our Heavenly Father will be instrumental in doing a great work in supplying that land with native teachers. A meeting for worship is regularly held with good attendance and lively interest. A Monthly Meeting has recently been established at Brumana with eight members. The field for labor in that country seems to be widening, more Scholars and teachers are needed, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. While the subject of foreign missionary work has so largely occupied our attention we are reminded that there is work at home. In all parts of our land there are people yet unsaved, heathen are all around us, work for all to do. May the Lord give to us all willing hands & obedient hearts to do the work to which He calls us whether at home or in foreign lands, that finally we may receive the Master's words, "Be thou faithful unto death & I will give thee a crown of life." With earnest desire for your spiritual welfare, in the name of our common Master we bid you an affectionate farewell

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Charles R. Tucker Clerk

P.S. Way did not open for the meeting to unite with the proposition from Western Y. M. for a general conference.

To Canada Yearly Meeting

Dear friends,

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord".

Our present meeting has been marked by great harmony of spirit and the felt presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, God over all blessed forever. Epistles from our brethren of other Yearly Meetings have cheered us: yours entering into full sympathy with our home & foreign mission work was very acceptable. We unite in the stress laid on the need of thorough bible study & an intimate knowledge of revealed Scripture truth. We desire that the Scriptures should ever be read with a prayer that the Spirit of truth may

1876. To Brummana Monthly Meeting of Friends on Mount Lebanon & the company of Christian believers connected with the Mission there.

Dear friends

Our hearts have been made glad by intelligence received from you, & we desire to send a word of cheer across the great waters, & to wish you good speed in your heaven-ward journey. It is as good news from a far country to be informed that a Christian church has been organized at Brummana, upon the goodly mountains of Lebanon, — that its members acknowledge Christ Jesus as their only Head & high Priest & that they are engaged to worship the Lord of life & glory, in spirit & in truth. As believers meet in his name, to them the assurance is made good, "There am I in the midst of them". There he is as a teacher, comforter & Savior. Blessed privilege! to hold spiritual with him who is himself the Bread of life: & without the interposition of mitred priest or bishop, we can offer worship to the living God. From a congregation so blest a cloud of incense ascends without metalic censer or material coals of fire, ascends from hearts washed in the blood of the Lamb & set on fire by the love of God. It was the experience of the early believers in apostolic times, to be "filled with the Holy Ghost" & to speak as the Spirit gave them utterance; and thus their ministrations were abundantly blessed to multitudes who heard them. It is well surrounded as we are in many places with formalism, ritualism, bigotry & fanaticism!! to inquire for the good "old ways", & ask for weapons not carnal but spiritual weapons which are mighty to the pulling down of the strong holds of sin & Satan. "Lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world," said our blessed Lord. With such a leader we have nothing to fear; even the weakest may confidingly trust Him. May he abundantly bless the labors of your hands & make you strong & courageous, patiently laboring in your respective departments, seeking his glory & the praise of his ever worthy name. At this our annual assembly the gospel has been preached, as we trust in demonstration of the Spirit & of power & the interesting affairs of the church have been attended to in love as becometh brethren of the same household of faith. Large & interesting meetings have also been held on the subject of Peace, Education, Temperance & Foreign Missions. While the last concern was under consideration, you were brought lovingly to our remembrance, with the objects of your care at the training home, and in the several schools connected with the missions. May the Lord bless you all & the children God hath given you

In love we are your friends

Signed by direction & in behalf of the meeting

Charles R Tucker Clerk